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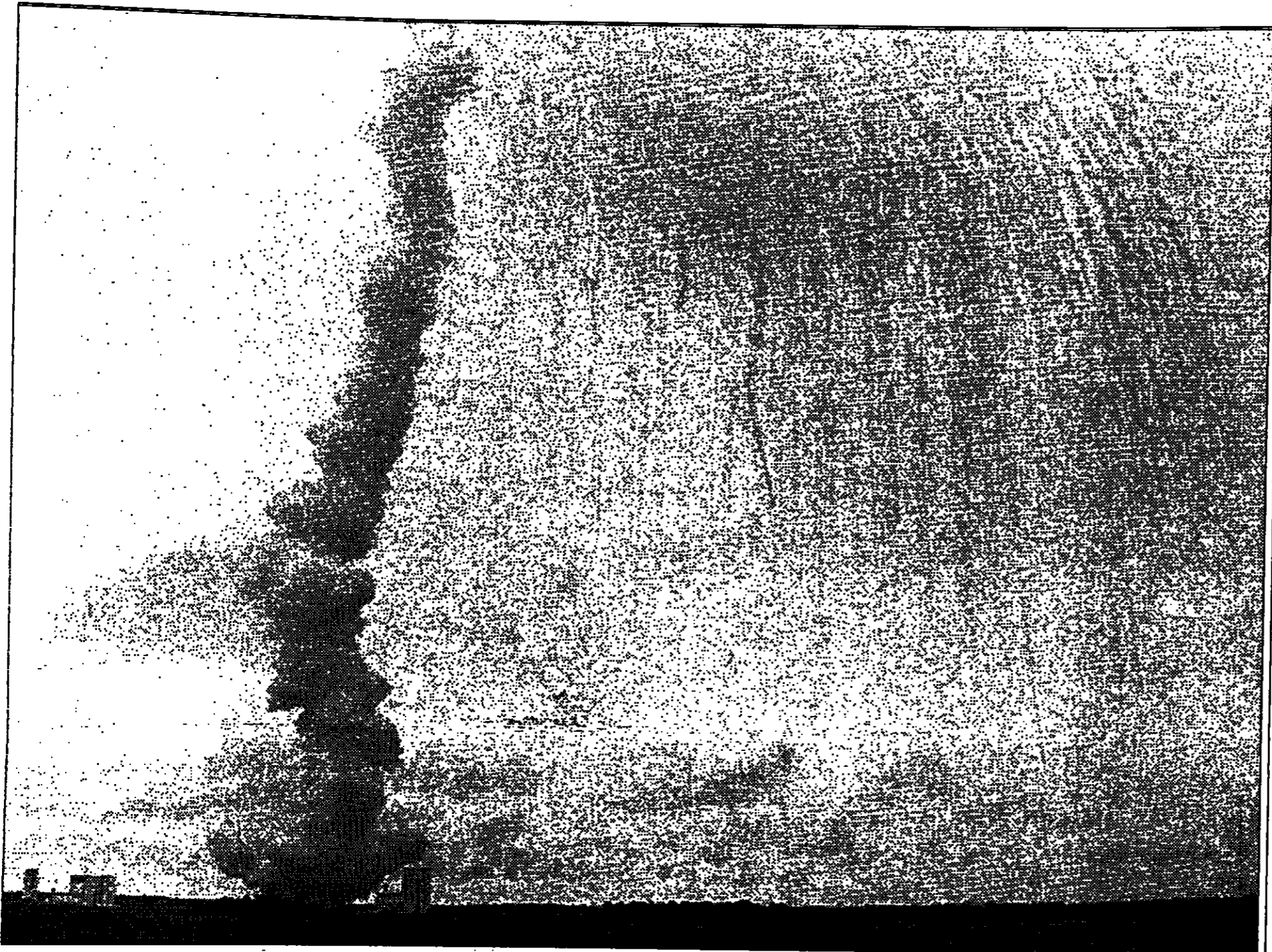
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# And it wasn't insured



Aerial pyrotechnics over French Guiana as the Ariane 5 rocket explodes in flames, blown up by controllers after it veered off course on its maiden flight. PHOTOGRAPH: PATRICK HERTZOG

## Billions lost after European rocket falls in flames

Tim Radford  
Science Editor

**H**ORRIFIED scientists watched as Europe's most ambitious space launch ended in flames 40 seconds after blast-off yesterday, showering tons of toxic chemicals over the jungle of French Guiana, and wiping out a decade of effort. No one was harmed, but the cost could be hundreds of millions of pounds.

Ariane 5 — a prototype European launcher built to challenge the US space shuttle and capable of lobbing seven tons of hardware into orbit — veered off course on its maiden flight and had to be blown up by its controllers at 13,000 feet. It was the climax to a \$5 billion development for the launcher — and the complete incineration of a \$500 million four-satellite experiment to monitor the sun.

Neither the launcher nor the flotilla of identical satellites aboard were insured. "To get insurance for the first launch of a rocket is pretty damned near impossible," said one scientist. "Given the problems of getting insurance and given that science is always on the scrounge, we were quite happy to have a free launch aboard the first flight of Ariane 5. But of course that free launch had rather a sting in the tail," he said.

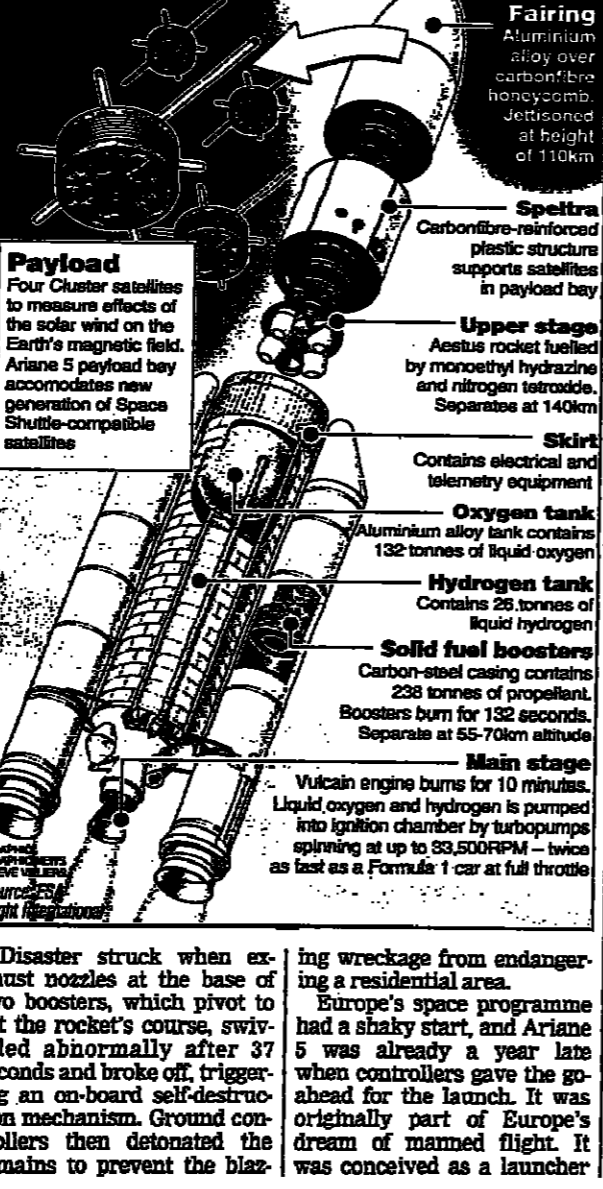
"Instead of flying ballast, they flew a payload. It was a balance of risk," said Professor Ken Pounds of Britain's Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, and a space scientist. "There is clearly always a bigger risk in the first test flight of something brand new. You tend to get insurance on commercial launches like communications satellites, but there is no practise of insuring scientific missions."

He added: "You don't have spares, you don't have insurance. Basically that was really just a write-off."

The launch, relayed to Britain and watched by researchers from all over Europe, had scientists in tears. "When it blew up there was a tangible feeling of loss. You could cut the air with a knife, we were all shell-shocked for about two minutes, with a room full of 60 people not saying a word, not knowing how to react," said Nick Flowers of the Mullard Space Laboratory.

"We are numbed with disbelief," said Trevor Davies of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. "We will take some time to regroup and decide how to carry on, but carry on we damn well will."

### Ariane explosion



### Austin



for a space tug, a European-manufactured vehicle designed as part of President Ronald Reagan's international space station Freedom.

Europe still has a part in the refashioned space station, on which work will start next year. But Ariane 5 had a new target: the billion dollar commercial launcher business. Britain is a member of the European Space Agency but had always refused to finance Ariane 5.

Yesterday Europe and her US partners lost nearly \$500 million in the Cluster satellite experiment. Britain, which was to handle and distribute the astonishing quantities of information beamed down from 11 instruments on each of the four satellites, invested and lost a total of about \$44 million.

John Major called it a "distressing loss" and told the Commons there was still a future for European co-operation on "this and other matters".

Ariane 5's main stage engine is designed to burn 130

tons of liquid oxygen and 25 tons of hydrogen in 570 seconds. But this was to be boosted by two additional stages, each burning 237 tons of solid fuel in 130 seconds.

Environmental campaigners in French Guiana had already warned that this represented a danger to the rainforest below. Yesterday, at 1.35 BST, most of this firepower went up in flames. Observers two miles from the launchpad were evacuated wearing gas masks.

"The accident took place over a totally evacuated zone and no ground personnel nor members of the public were visibly affected," said Michel Miglot, director of the Guiana Space Centre. Claude Bigot, president of ArianeSpace, the agency's commercial launch arm, said "It's a disappointment, but we have to bounce back. Life goes on."

ArianeSpace rockets already earn the company \$566 million a year, but the new Ariane 5 was supposed to cut launch costs and job bigger payloads into higher orbits. Ariane 4 has a waiting list of 45 launches worth nearly \$3.3 billion, including eight more scheduled for this year.

Mr Bigot said an investigation into the causes of the Ariane 5 launch failure would start immediately and its results should be known by mid-July. François Fillon, the French space minister, said ArianeSpace would then start preparing a second Ariane 5 launch.

"We knew the risks we were running. We're going to do all we can to ensure that the great European space adventure remains a success," he said.

Billion-dollar hiccup, page 9

## Unionist fury at talks role for Mitchell

Patrick Wintour, David Sharrock and Martin Kettle

**H**ARDLINE Unionists last night vented their anger at a claimed deal between the Irish and British governments giving Senator George Mitchell, the close adviser to President Clinton, chairmanship of the plenary talks on the political future of Northern Ireland starting next Monday.

He is also to chair a vital sub-committee overseeing decommissioning of paramilitary weapons.

Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, claimed — following talks with John Major yesterday — that Mr Mitchell had been given "a supreme role" and would be "some sort of Pope sitting over all the talks strands".

He described Mr Mitchell as "a crony of Gerry Adams" and "totally unacceptable" to Unionists. "I think they are deliberately trying to hijack the negotiating body and I don't think they will be able to do it," he said.

Mr Mitchell's appointment was agreed in outline yesterday during talks in London between Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister.

Different chairmen will be appointed to oversee the main three strands of talks — on the future of Northern Ireland, the future of North-South relations, and the future of Dublin-London relations.

The two governments have also agreed that there will be a review of the progress of the talks in September, before which there will be no requirement for any decommissioning of paramilitary weapons.

Britain and Dublin clearly hope the deal will even now persuade the IRA into a last-minute agreement to restore its ceasefire, the sole precondition for Sinn Fein inclusion in the talks in Belfast next Monday. Otherwise, there

### Sinn Fein and the N. Ireland talks

Sinn Fein polled 15% of the vote in elections to all party talks on the constitutional future of Northern Ireland. Do you think they should be allowed to join the talks even if the IRA does not renew its ceasefire or should they not be allowed to join?

Allowed	32
Not allowed	58
Don't know	10

Source: ICM

could be a confrontation when Sinn Fein theatrically turns up, only to be physically blocked.

The refusal to allow Sinn Fein to enter the talks without a ceasefire gets a big boost from today's Guardian-ICM poll.

The poll, taken after last week's Northern Ireland elections, shows that voters oppose unconditional Sinn Fein participation by nearly two to one.

Asked whether Sinn Fein should be allowed to join the talks even if the IRA does not renew its ceasefire, 58 per cent said No, 32 per cent Yes, and 10 per cent were don't know. Conservative voters are opposed by 67-23 per cent, Labour by 55-38 per cent and Liberal Democrat by 56-39 per cent.

Further details of the issues will be discussed today on the telephone by John Major and John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister.

Mr Bruton said yesterday: "The British and Irish governments have invested a lot in the talks. We want them to be a success. We hope to see everybody there. That is why we are putting so much effort into getting things right, as far as possible in advance."

The broad settlement pleased nationalists who have been pressing for a prominent role for Senator Mitchell turn to page 2, column 3

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Back from recess into quarantine



Simon Hoggart

THE Commons returned from the Whitsunide break yesterday. Inevitably MPs were soon back on the topic of "seething, half-mad, slavering animals" — or the European commissioners, as Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NE) described them.

down gangplanks at dead of night, then racing in packs up the White Cliffs to bite Vera Lynn. However, Mr Shaw asserted, the present system worked. Unlike, say, India, Britain was not plagued by rabies.

ICM poll gives Labour 16-point lead as Tories' non-cooperation tactics with European Union backfire

Beef stance fails to lift vote

CONSERVATIVE hopes that the party will win a general election dividend from the tough stance with Europe over the beef ban are dashed by the latest Guardian-ICM opinion poll.

supporters, the policy on beef scores a 4:1 negative rating, with only 4 per cent saying that the Government's handling makes them more likely to vote Conservative, compared with 16 per cent who are less likely, and 78 per cent for whom it will make no difference.

leaders at the Florence summit on June 21-22. The poll shows that a narrow majority of the population disapproves of the Government's non-cooperation strategy, with Conservatives divided 3:1 in the Government's favour.

The beef crisis. Overall has the Government's handling of the beef crisis made you more likely or less likely to vote Conservative at the next election or made no difference one way or the other?

After standard ICM adjustments to take account of the reluctance of some voters to admit to supporting the Conservatives, the figures for this month are: Labour 46 per cent (up 1 point), Conservatives 30 (down 2), Liberal Democrats 19 (down 2) and others 5 (no change).

Taken as a whole, this month's poll presents a disturbing picture for John Major. A year after he submitted himself for re-election as Conservative leader, there is no longer any sign of a Conservative poll revival.



Peter Bird in his custom-built craft Spectre II, the vessel which was discovered off the coast of Japan

Solo rower feared drowned in Pacific

Boat found of oarsman trying for first Russia to America crossing

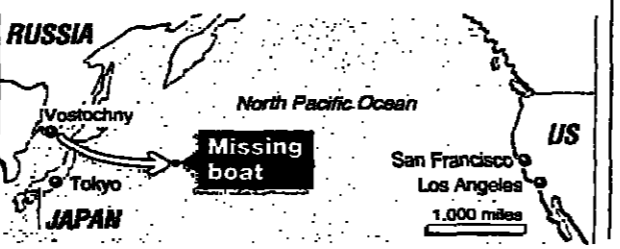
LONG-distance rower Peter Bird was feared dead yesterday after his boat was found overturned in the Pacific Ocean.

ously rowed across the Atlantic, set off from Vostochny, near Vladivostok, on the eastern coast of Russia in March, attempting to become the first man to row across the Pacific to the west coast of America.

close friend of Mr Bird's, said: "Obviously, we are being realistic about the situation. Peter was a great man, who had a dream and he went for it. He was the most experienced ocean rower in the world and knew the risks that were involved. But he had chosen to take the challenge and he fully expected to complete his task."



Peter Bird, who was seeking to row across the Pacific. His overturned boat was yesterday found by fishermen



Unionists angered by Anglo-Irish deal giving Mitchell key role in talks

continued from page 1 since he chaired the international body on decommissioning in January and recommended that decommissioning need not precede the talks, but run in parallel.

The London talks between Sir Patrick and Mr Spring yesterday were held against the background of a warning by the IRA that the possibility of a restored ceasefire before June 10 was remote.

ceasefire, without the need for a start to decommissioning, in a keynote speech, Mr Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, set out four key principles including a statement that increasing cross-border co-operation to make the border increasingly less relevant was simply common sense.

ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,200 adults aged 18-plus by telephone between May 31 and June 2 1996. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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Book review

Failing to score in action replay

John Duncan

4-2 by David Thomson Bloomsbury, £16.99

THERR must be a whole bunch of writers who hate Nick Hornby to the core. For not only did he invent a genre — football as a metaphor for the travails of the Lad — he marked out the territory so effectively and so thoroughly panned on every stylistic bush that each imitator looks feeble in comparison. David Thomson's 4-2 is no exception.

full-back is well covered. He doubles back and gives it to Stiles... etc, etc. None of this would be too bad if it were brief but there are double pages of this stuff. The magic of that match has little to do with who passed to whom and what happened second by second, but the context of the game, what happened afterwards, what it said about our country, what has changed. Frustratingly, Thomson shows glimpses of understanding that — his views on why England loves a plucky loser more than a cocky winner — are well argued, if unoriginal.

Advertisement for Meridiana airline. Text: "Words have wings and that's the truth (thanks to seat-back phones in our planes to Florence)." Includes Meridiana logo and contact information.

Nigeria chief's wife killed

David Pallister, and agencies in Lagos

THE wife of Chief Mo-shhood Abiola, the imprisoned Nigerian politician, died from gunshot wounds yesterday morning after her car was attacked on a main road in Lagos, the country's commercial capital.

When Chief Abiola returned and declared himself president in 1984, he was arrested and charged with treason. His trial has been repeatedly postponed after legal wrangles about the jurisdiction of the court in the capital Abuja and which judge should hear it. He is kept in virtual solitary confinement in one room of a guest house in the city.



**Camelot 'shovelled £77m into furniture van'**

CAMELOT'S role in running the National Lottery was likened by one MP yesterday to "shovelling banknotes into a furniture van".

Joe Ashton, a member of the National Heritage select committee, added: "The Government have created a licence to pinch money."

He was one of a number of critics who condemned the size of the company's £77.5 million pre-tax profit, announced yesterday.

Camelot's big new advertising campaign (right), aimed at proving that running the lottery was not a piece of cake, also came under fire.

Richard Branson, who failed in his bid to win the licence, jibed that they wanted to have their cake and eat it.

Andrew Cuff looks at the background to the company's profits and the attitudes of the five men who will reap bonuses of between £55,000 and £120,000.

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There will be a lot of people who will be disappointed that the National Lottery is not a success. But the fact is that it is a success. It has raised £1.4 billion for good causes. It has provided a source of income for the Government. It has provided a source of income for the lottery operators. It has provided a source of income for the shareholders. It has provided a source of income for the public. It has provided a source of income for the world.

**It could be you — it's certainly them**



**Tim Holley, chief executive**  
 Pay: £245,000  
 Bonus: £123,000  
 What is your value to the company? "That is for others to judge. I have brought together the team and we operate as a team. It is for other people to judge my performance and what it's worth. I want to concentrate on maximising money for the Good Causes and the shareholders." Do you give to charity? "Yes. That's a personal thing."



**Peter Murphy, finance director**  
 Pay: Somewhere between £120,000 and £160,000  
 Bonus: Between £55,000 and £90,000  
 What is your value to the company? "That is for others to say."  
 Do you give to charity? "Yes, I have done for many years. Mainly to cancer and children's charities."



**David Clark, lottery operations director**  
 Pay: Somewhere between £120,000 and £160,000  
 Bonus: Between £55,000 and £90,000  
 What is your value to the company? No comment.  
 Do you give to charity? "It's a very private matter between the directors and their charities" — Camelot spokeswoman.



**Norman Hawkins, commercial operations director**  
 Pay: Somewhere between £120,000 and £160,000  
 Bonus: Between £55,000 and £90,000  
 What is your value to the company? No comment.  
 Do you give to charity? "It's a very private matter between the directors and their charities" — Camelot spokeswoman.



**David Rigg, communications director**  
 Pay: £115,000  
 Bonus: £55,000  
 What is your value to the company? "That's for others to judge. All the people at Camelot are paid the going rate, not a penny more, not a penny less, and it's what they deserve."  
 Do you give to charity? "I do support various charities, but that's a personal matter."

**Shout success from rooftops, say executives**

CAMELOT executives were unrepentant last night after hitting the National Lottery jackpot with profits of £1.5 million a week and individual salary bonuses of up to £120,000.

As the company faced an avalanche of criticism, chief executive Tim Holley insisted that the success of the lottery should be trumpeted from the rooftops.

His salary package totalled £365,250 and his fellow executives the directors picked up bonuses ranging from £55,000 to £90,000, as Camelot's pre-tax profits soared to £77.5 million.

MPs called for the lottery to be taken out of private hands and demanded more cash for charities.

But Camelot insisted it had become the most efficient lottery operator in the world and sales of £3.2 billion had raised £1.416 billion for good causes. It said after-tax profits of £51.1 million were in line with predictions and amounted to less than 1p in every £1 spent on the lottery.

Its five shareholders — Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, GTEch UK, Racal Electronics

and International Computers — shared an £184 million dividend for the year.

Mr Holley said: "What self-respecting supermarket would operate on profits of 1 per cent? They would say they were failing."

Mr Holley told the Guardian: "I think we should celebrate today. We should all be congratulating people who work very hard. We tend to criticise as part of our culture in this country, but people in other parts of the world are amazed we are not shouting from the rooftops."

Camelot's future profits are likely to be inflated by the launch of a midweek draw.

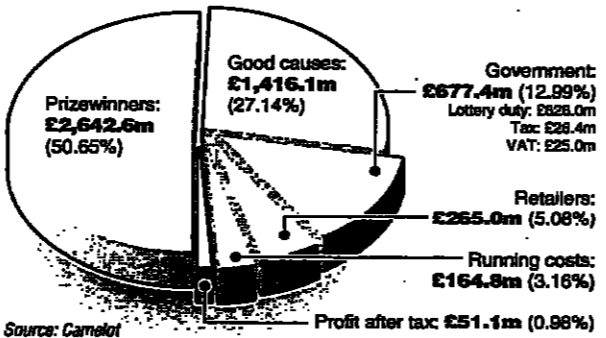
Defending the 50 per cent bonuses paid to five executive directors, Mr Holley said pay rates had been determined by three independent surveys.

"They have confirmed we are paying competitive rates. The bonuses are focused on getting results and paid for earnings and money for the good causes. Everyone in the company has worked very hard and they are worth every penny."

The Prime Minister rallied to Camelot's defence in the Commons describing it as

**Where the money goes**

Camelot unaudited results for year ending March 31, 1996



"extraordinarily successful" and having done "spectacularly well" in maximising funds for good causes.

But the company's advertising campaign, designed to pre-empt criticism of the profits was derided by Richard Branson, chairman of the Virgin group, who unsuccessfully bid to run the lottery on a non-profit making basis. He was scornful of the double-page advertisements which said Camelot's job was not a piece of cake.

He said: "They were right: it is not a piece of cake. Today's figures prove that they have had their cake and eaten it too."

"As predicted by everyone but Camelot, it is a genuine licence to print money, making huge monopoly profits which should be donated to charity."

Camelot paid £550,000 to charity last year, putting it in

the top 30 of similar companies. "We expect to remain there or give more," said Mr Holley.

The National Heritage select committee has urged Camelot to donate a substantial proportion of its profits to charity. Its chairman, Labour MP Gerald Kaufman, said: "My own view is when Camelot's licence expires, the lottery should come into public ownership and that all these huge profits go back to the taxpayer. I think a Labour government will want to have a non-profit making, non-private sector lottery."

Denis Vaughan, of the Lottery Promotion Company, blames regulator Oflot for allowing excessive profits. "How on earth can they let so much money be kept as profit? There is no real risk involved."

**Brewery to beer buffs: Time gents please, because you're no gents**

**Nick Varley**

REAL ale drinkers may be waking up with a hangover this morning — even if they didn't enjoy a tippie last night.

For their hallowed Campaign for Real Ale stands accused of harbouring members more interested in getting a free pint for themselves than fighting the good fight.

It is also accused of unnecessarily attacking big breweries' real ale efforts.

Tim Martin, chairman of independent brewers JD Wetherspoon, has asked for his 30 pubs recommended in Camra's Good Beer Guide to be left out.

"A minority of Camra members, often in positions of influence, appear to be taking advantage of their positions to pursue goals which are foreign to the interests of real ale drinkers," he wrote to the group.

His anger spilled over after Camra boycotted one of his pubs in Portsmouth in a dispute over the display of guest beer prices.

A minority of Camra members expect preferential treatment in Wetherspoon pubs, he added.

Camra's campaigns manager, Stephen Cox, replied: "Tim Martin knows there's

no chance of us taking his pubs out of the guide, so he can play to the gallery, yet keep the enormous benefit of being in the guide."

"The complaint that we pillory big brewery real ales is an enormous generalisation. We have given awards to a number of them. Our chairman, John Cryne, has faxed a letter back saying, 'Let's meet and discuss it.'"

Presumably over a pint.

**If a Labour government compelled small children to go up chimneys or work in blacking factories, it would simultaneously save a fortune on the education budget, cut wage costs — and keep youngsters out of trouble, since the little blighters would be far too exhausted to get up to any mischief.**

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# Britain's busiest interchange to get its own beach

Peter Hetherington

A haze hung over the small lake beside the maze of flyovers. Swans, grebes, Canada geese and a few brave souls lazed in the sun, and Winifred Sherrington tried in vain to fan away the exhaust fumes as she lounged on the grass under Spaghetti Junction, Birmingham.

"I suppose it must do you some harm, some complain of asthma and chest problems; but it's a good amenity none the less," she said.

Two hundred yards away the men from the British Waterways Board and landscape architects were talking about grander plans for the dark wasteland below Britain's busiest interchange.

They would like to create a beach bang under the M6 overlooking a confluence of canals and the river Tame, complete with artificial sunlight courtesy of large pylons.

As part of a £3 million European Union-supported plan to revitalise canals in the area, the waterways board is sparing no expense to transform the underside of the Gravelly Hill interchange.

Artists will be employed to paint over the huge concrete columns, while sculptures and other works of art could provide the final touch, turning, they hope, a motoring nightmare into a tourist attraction by next summer.

"No, it's no joke," the man from the waterways board said as Wendy Hopper enthused about a long overdue project to revive a much maligned area.

Ms Hopper lives 200 yards from Spaghetti Junction, and will soon have a beach at the bottom of her garden. "Yes, that's it. Unbelievable, isn't it?" she told visitors.

A bonus, surely? "Let's put it this way: my imagination doesn't go so far yet, but give it time. Can you imagine sun, sand and deck chairs on that dirty patch?"



Officials Mike Wilson (left), Alison Lush, Ailsa Raeburn and Jim Quinn relax in the exhaust fumes on the site of a beach to be created under Spaghetti Junction, Birmingham, in an attempt to improve the amenities of the area

# Tallow ban ends but EU war goes on

John Palmer in Brussels, Stephen Bates in Luxembourg and Michael White

PROSPECTS for an early overall settlement of Britain's beef war receded last night after the Government rejected appeals from other European Union states to abandon its obstruction in response to the European Commission's decision to lift the ban on beef derivatives today.

The stage now seems set for a public confrontation between John Major and his fellow European Union leaders at the Florence summit on June 21 — unless Britain's new "charm offensive" proves more successful than its tactics so far.

The offensive was launched by the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, to win support for a framework plan, linking a phased lifting of the overall ban to specific steps to eliminate BSE.

But a cautious Prime Minister implicitly admitted under pressure in the Commons from both Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown — that the framework approach, which would ease different aspects of the ban stage by stage, will not include a detailed timetable to end it completely. The ban could last for years.

Though the formula will be hard enough to negotiate in Brussels, it is unlikely to appease Tory Eurosceptics. And Mr Rifkind's move received only a highly qualified welcome from the European Commission, which still wants further details of Britain's anti-BSE drive.

Although Mr Rifkind also discussed the plan with Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Berlin, the German government signally withheld any endorsement of it.

Last night Mr Rifkind welcomed the commission's announcement that it will lift the derivatives ban, but rejected calls by France and other EU countries for Britain immediately to abandon or "amend or reduce" its obstructionist tactics.

France also urged Britain to display "the same spirit of cooperation" as the commis-

sion had done in deciding to lift the ban on tallow, gelatin, and semen today — after farm ministers failed to agree the move on Monday. But the lifting of the ban will not come into effect until the Government has issued licences to premises extracting gelatin and tallow, and safety inspections have occurred.

Despite persistent disappointments for Britain's efforts to lift the ban, Mr Rifkind stood by the new tougher tactics. "The prime minister has said that the policy of non-cooperation will be lifted when the derivatives ban is removed and there is an agreement on a framework procedure for the phased lifting of the beef ban. I have no intention of amending what he has said," he said.

In Luxembourg, the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, carried on Britain's campaign of obstruction and blocked cooperation in the fight against

The stage seems set for a public confrontation at the Florence summit on June 21

drugs, crime and international terrorism. But Mr Major will be unable to do the same in Florence since the summit will not be presented with any legal decisions to take. Moreover, the Italian presidency will simply present the overall political conclusions reached by the other 14 member states, leaving Mr Major to express personal dissent if he wishes.

The Government's framework plan prioritises the lifting of the ban on new born calves, and then seeks the lifting of the ban for animals in areas where there is a comprehensive identification system or where they are grass fed. That should bring early relief to beef producers in Northern Ireland and Scotland. But EU officials could not say when. "We need answers to more questions before we can give any opinion on these matters," said Klaus van der Pas, the commission's chief spokesman.

# Fines threat to beef exporters

Paul Brown Environment Correspondent

THE Government is to impose penalties on many large meat exporters for failing to sell beef abroad — even though they cannot export it because of the European Union ban.

This decision, the Government claims, is being forced on it by the EU under export certificate rules framed to prevent fraud. It believes if it does not demand the money the European Commission will impose penalties on Britain for breaking regulations.

Exporters say they have told both the Ministry of Agriculture and the Prime Minister of their plight, but have been refused help.

Martin Richardson, managing director of First City Trading in Belgravia, London, said: "It is a nightmare from which I keep hoping I will wake up. It is hard to believe the Government cannot sort this out."

His company has been told it will have to pay £750,000 for failing to execute export orders contracted before the ban. It will be fined another £20,000 for not taking up licences it applied for but was prevented from using. A dozen other exporters face the same problem.

Mr Richardson, a committee member of the British Beef Exporters group, said the industry had grown up with government encourage-

ment to remove the EU's beef mountain. He added: "Beef exporting is not viable without subsidy. The £750,000 fine is in fact the repayment of a subsidy we got to export the beef in the first place, but we were not allowed to sell it. Now it has to be sold here. The £20,000 fine is for further export licences we applied for but could not use."

He said the cost of producing beef in Europe is far above the world price, but as the EU has a surplus, to keep farmers in business it exported it. Without subsidy farmers would go bankrupt, so the payment to exporters was the difference between world price and EU price.

To prevent fraud there is a system of export certificates, with a subsidy payable in advance when the beef is put in a bonded warehouse from where it has to be exported. The subsidy for best cuts at the time of the ban in March was £2.35 a kilo.

"We lost some staff and the rest of us took a pay cut to keep the company in business. There are about 10 firms in the same boat," Mr Richardson said. "These fines are the last straw — we cannot pay and we will go bankrupt. Our only hope is to appeal to the courts for fair play."

A spokesman for the Intervention Board, a quango that administers the scheme for the Ministry of Agriculture, said it was forced under EU regulations to ask for subsidy money back.

# Victim of beating by police wins £150,000 damages

Nick Varley

AMAN was yesterday awarded £150,000 damages against the Metropolitan Police in the sixth big payout this year ordered against the force.

Terry Brownbill was beaten after arrest, then falsely charged with assaulting two police sergeants. He was acquitted 18 months later.

The damages were awarded against Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, at Central London county court. Judge Quentin Edwards suspended the payment of £125,000 pending an appeal by the force against the amount. A police spokes-

man said: "The judge ruled that the arrest of Mr Brownbill was lawful as he did not give his name and address or try to give an explanation of a tax disc found in his possession."

Mr Brownbill was arrested in Peckham, south-east London in May 1991. His counsel, Anthony Jennings, alleged that police later altered documents and invented allegations of assault to cover up their own unlawful actions.

Mr Brownbill said: "I have waited five years for this vindication, and clearly the jury have supported me. I hope the commissioner will now do something to the officers to prevent by the force against the amount. A police spokes-

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Critics get their first view of the Royal Academy Summer Show yesterday while (below) a sculpture dominates an exhibition room

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# Consultants 'fail to watch juniors'

Chris MIMM  
Medical Correspondent

ONE in 10 junior doctors carry out operations which are beyond their competence at least once a week, the Audit Commission warns today.

The quality of supervision of junior doctors needs to be improved as there are wide variations in the time consultants devote to training, the commission says.

There should also be wider use of job plans by consultants, setting down the time they should spend in theatre and out-patients as opposed to administrative or teaching commitments, as clearer job specifications would mean more patients being treated.

The commission's report builds on a study it carried out last year looking at the workload of consultants and the training of juniors. It covers 112 hospitals, looking at the work of 1,822 consultants and 1,887 juniors.

The report states: "One in five pre-registration house officers and one in 10 senior house officers reported that they have to do a task which they feel is beyond their competence at least once every week."

The report echoes previous studies in finding much lower levels of supervision by consultants of juniors at nights and weekends, but there are also large variations in day-time supervision.

Variations in supervision are also seen at out-patient clinics, where it is routine for junior doctors to work in separate rooms to consultants.

In some cases the junior doctors derive little or no training benefit.

The report says that in one

third of departments junior doctors are still working longer than 56 hours a week.

Jonathan Boyce, director of health studies at the Audit Commission, said: "Some consultants supervise 90 per cent of out-of-hours operations, while others supervise 80 per cent."

"We are not saying that juniors should be supervised by consultants for all operations at all times but we are saying there is a lot of variation. Either juniors are being over-supervised on the one hand, or they are being recklessly under-supervised on the other."

The report says that 25 per cent of consultants have no job plans.

Mr Boyce said: "If job plans are sorted out it could mean considerable amounts of extra work being carried out in out-patients and operating theatres."

Jim Johnson, chairman of the British Medical Association consultants' committee, said: "Although their contract is a national one, it contains the necessary flexibility to meet local circumstances. As a result, consultants give more time to the NHS than they are contracted for."

Mr Johnson added: "The criticism that some consultants do not have job plans is a failure of management which we do not condone."

"Job plans are useful and we regret that managements are too busy trying to cope with running the internal market."

"Similarly, we believe there should be more structured training for junior doctors. But this will require major financial investment by the Government."

The Doctors' Tale Continued, Audit Commission, HMSO, £10

# Bereaved artist takes revenge on critics

### Dan Glaister on a 'very personal and powerful expression' at the Royal Academy Summer Show

THE cheapest work, *Portrait of a Pet*, by Joan Whiteford of Penzance, is on sale for just £40. The most expensive, a controversial collage by one of the founders of pop art, carries a price tag of £200,000.

The Royal Academy Summer Show, the largest open contemporary art exhibition in the world, begins on Sunday with its customary mix of the celebrated and the obscure. Buyers' day today is the first opportunity for the public to see the works on show, and many are expected to rush in and buy blind without having seen the works.

Whiteford's piece is a small black and white etching of a spaniel. At the other end of the spectrum is

Ron Kitaj's piece, *The Critic Kills*. "This painting is a magazine," writes Kitaj. "It is the first issue of an irregular art journal called *Sandra*."

Kitaj's wife, Sandra Fisher, died of a brain haemorrhage in 1994 during an exhibition by the artist at the Tate Gallery. The Tate show had been panned by several critics, who criticised its vanity. One described the painter as "unworthy of a footnote in the history of art".

Kitaj has responded by producing a highly personal work that serves both as a tribute to his late wife and as an attack on his critics. "It is the very personal and very powerful expression of an artist," said the

Royal Academy chairman, Sir Philip Dowson, yesterday. "What he was devastated about was not the attack on his art but the fact that he was attacked as a human being."

The summer show attracted the usual mixed reception for its combination of the modern and the traditional. As well as Kitaj, minor names such as Sarah Armstrong-Jones, celebrated more for her family connections than her art — two small oils, £450 each — mixed with names of international repute.

Sir Philip rejected criticism of the show as an institution for traditional art. "If you used your eyes and walked around would you call Victor Pasmore, Frank Stella, Antoni Tapies and the rest fuddy-duddy?" he asked. "They're all international names."

The summer show has run since 1769. It is open to the public, and attracts

some 12,000 entries — of which 1,200 are hung — from amateurs and professionals. Last year's show generated income of £1.2 million, 30 per cent of which went to the academy.

"The judging is a formidable process," said Leonard McComb, Keeper of the Royal Academy School and a member of the judging committee. "When you first start you can't believe that you're going to see any pictures, let alone judge them."

The biggest prize in the exhibition, the £25,000 Charles Wollaston Award, went to Jeffrey Camp for his oil painting, *Spring*. Other prize winners included Anthony Whishaw, who won an award worth £10,000 for his painting, *Matadero Municipal*, a depiction of an abattoir in Spain. "He owes me a drink for that one," said Sir Philip, pointing at Mr Whishaw's prize-winning painting.



# Would-be president's pledge to solicitors

Clare Dyer  
Legal Correspondent

THE campaign to oust the maverick Law Society president Martin Mears began yesterday, when a slate headed by the society's deputy vice-president unveiled an election manifesto pledged to restore the profession's battered image.

Tony Girling, who announced he would oppose Mr Mears in this month's presidential election, said the incumbent and his vice-president, Robert Sayer, had "reduced the credibility of the profession, sown schism in the Law Society, and failed to deliver on any of the promises they made to get elected".

He said the pair, seeking an unprecedented second term, had "wasted a year pursuing impossible policies while the profession's real problems have not been tackled".

A third presidential candidate, Anthony Bogan, is running on a ticket to split the society's trade union and regulatory function — a move opposed by Mr Mears but supported by Mr Sayer.

Mr Girling, managing partner of a 23-partner Kent firm, and his running mate, Phil

lip Sycamore and Michael Mathews, accused Mr Mears, who won office on a pledge to shake up a complacent Law Society, of trying to force change by diktat.

Mr Mears began his campaign with an open letter to Roger Pannone, a former president, who last month called a press conference to denounce his successor as unfit to lead the profession and to urge him to stand down.

Writing in the *New Law Journal*, Mr Mears acknowledged that he had made mistakes during his presidency. "I hugely underestimated the personal and political run-cour I would experience. My own style is too abrasive. I find it difficult to remain silent in the face of hubbub and cant."

He accused Mr Pannone and other critics of generating unfavourable publicity and then blaming it on him and Mr Sayer. "A press conference? How could the society's dirty linen be more publicly washed?"

"But it is you and those who behave like you who keep these dissensions in the public eye. I freely confess that what has been happening makes me sick at heart."

He said Mr Pannone was one of the inner circle who allowed the society's expenditure to become a torrent and its bureaucracy to treble change by diktat.

When the profession was in recession, "You were there when the alienation between solicitors and the Law Society

became so complete that an outsider like myself could be elected to the presidency."

It was this self-same old guard who put John Young — who later stood down amid allegations of sexual harassment — forward "as a more suitable leader of the profes-

sion than a cad and bounder like myself". Mr Mears said.

Mr Girling, a council member for 16 years, and his running mate yesterday denied they were part of the old guard. Mr Girling said he was hardly an establishment figure, and had had to persuade

a sceptical council on a number of issues, including taking the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Haleham, to court in 1987 over legal aid fees. Mr Mathews, a partner in Britain's biggest law firm, Clifford Chance, only joined the council in 1995.

# Owners of runaway lorry may still face death charges

Martin Walkwright

THE Crown Prosecution Service is to reconsider the case for manslaughter charges against the owners of a quarry lorry which killed six people when its brakes failed on a hill in the Yorkshire Pennines three years ago.

An independent legal panel has been commissioned by the CPS to review its original decision not to prosecute, which was criticised by a High Court judge and relatives of the victims.

The lorry's owner, Fewston Transport of Skipton, which has since gone out of business, was prosecuted only for

allowing the 10 tonne lorry on the road with all eight of its brakes defective. The company was fined the maximum £5,000 by Calderdale magistrates and at a Traffic Commissioners' hearing its main directors, Tony Eyres and Eric Preston, lost their operating licences.

Resentment about the failure to proceed with corporate manslaughter charges has remained high in Sowerby Bridge, where the lorry smashed into a van and a row of shops. The West Yorkshire coroner recorded a verdict of unlawful killing at the inquest.

The CPS move was welcomed yesterday by victims' relatives.

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# US weighs twin strategies on terror

Martin Walker  
in Washington

**T**HE FBI is carefully tightening the noose around the heavily-armed Freemen militia holed up in a remote Montana ranch for 10 weeks, by cutting off their electricity, pulling back the media and parking armoured cars outside.

Although a helicopter was sent to buzz the farmhouse as the power was cut off this week, the siege is being run as a textbook example of official restraint. The federal police are determined not to repeat the mistakes made at the bloody siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, in 1993.

But the larger question of how best to tackle domestic and international security problems is becoming the subject of intense debate in the United States.

The kid-glove tactics in Montana stand in sharp contrast to the overkill of the biggest anti-terrorist mobilisation in US history for the Olympic Games in Atlanta next month. Each of the 15,000 athletes will have at least two security staff.

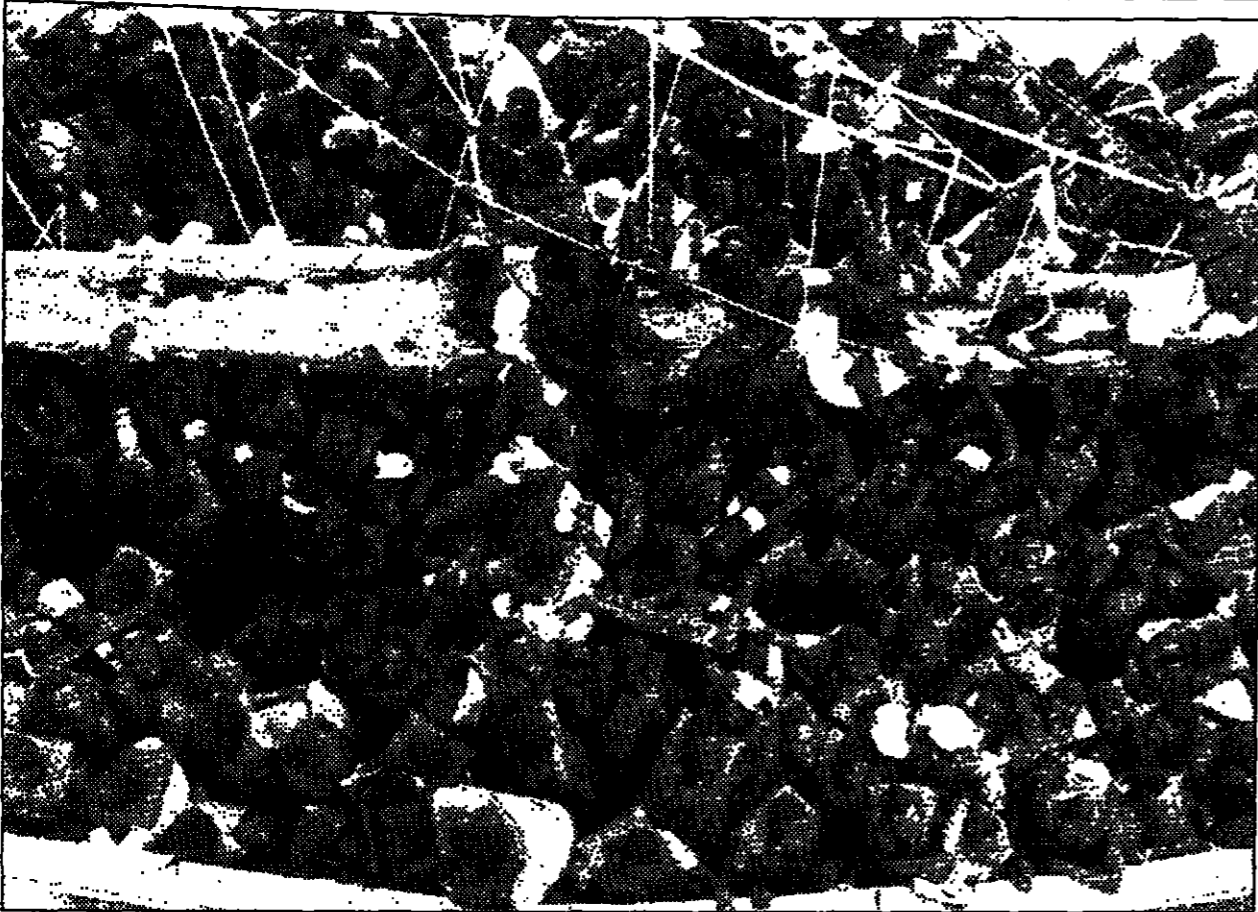
The Montana tactics also contrast with the formal unyielding today of the new anti-terror squad of the US marine corps — a 350-strong chemical and biological incident response force. Devised initially to protect US embassies, military bases and other overseas installations, the force is expected to grow and become the expert team to protect US targets against such attacks.

The US now has two competing strategies for responding to terror of the sort it had rarely seen before the bombing of the World Trade Centre and the federal building in Oklahoma City.

On one hand there is the extreme political caution exercised in dealing with the homegrown security challenges. The infamous attack on the Branch Davidian compound provoked widespread condemnation from conservatives. Further criticism came in Congress hearings after the wife and son of a right-wing fundamentalist were shot by FBI agents in a siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

On the other hand, terrorist threats from overseas can expect a massive military response. Over 11,000 US military personnel will be on duty at the Olympics next month, along with 2,500 federal law-enforcement officials, 4,500 state and local police and another 12,000 security staff, most of them policemen from other parts of the US who have volunteered. The security budget for the games stands at \$230 million, more than three times the level for the 1984 games in Los Angeles.

"It's tragic that we have to worry about security at this kind of event, but it's the reality," said security director for the games, former Dallas police chief William Rathburn.



Promised land... Boat people still head for North America in their thousands, such as these Haitians in 1994, a century and a half after the Irish (right) made their tragic journey to Canada. PHOTOGRAPHS: JOHN STANMEYER AND MARY EVANS

# Sea brings hope and hell to the desperate with no future

## Dominicans risk all in pursuit of a dream

## Island grave for Irish boat people of another era

Phil Gunson  
in San Pedro de Macoris,  
Dominican Republic

**T**HEY call it La Bomba, Spanish for "the pump", and you reach it down several miles of dirt tracks through sugarcane fields. It is the latest clandestine departure point for the boat people no one talks about, the so-called *yoleros* of the Dominican Republic.

Every year, an estimated 20,000 Dominicans cross the treacherous Mona Passage between the eastern end of the island of Hispaniola — which their country shares with Haiti — and the United States territory of Puerto Rico, a stepping stone on their way to the American mainland.

"It can be pretty ugly out there," said Tim Lavire, a US coastguard petty officer in San Juan, Puerto Rico. "Typical weather is 3-ft seas and, if they've got a load of 60 or more people, they've only got 10 ft of freeboard."

Yolos, the wooden boats with outboard motors from which the *yoleros* take their names, occasionally flip over while attempting the crossing. Some hold as many as 150 migrants and no one knows how many of them die each year.

"Sometimes we hear of incidents but often we get there just too late," said Mr Lavire. In April last year, the coastguard launched Operation Able Response in an attempt to stem the flow. Two cutters now constantly ply the strait looking for *yolos*, while helicopters, C-130 Hercules aircraft and US Customs jets patrol the skies.

The latest technology, including infra-red imaging devices, is used to track the *yolos* at night, when almost all crossings take place. From October to May the US coastguard detained 4,529 *yoleros* in 75 boats, while on

land the US border patrol picked up 783. The Dominican navy, which is responsible for preventing the *yolos* leaving Dominican waters, arrested another 2,768, although local people around La Bomba say naval officers are often bribed by the smugglers who run the trade.

"Millions and millions of dollars have passed through places like this because of the traffic in human beings," said a sugarcane worker, gesturing at the scrubland on the edge of the cane fields.

"They charge seven or eight thousand pesos (about \$330-350) for the trip but, if it doesn't work, you get a discount next time round. With 125 people on a boat, imagine the profits they're making."

Prospective migrants spend days, sometimes weeks, living in the open amid the scrubby bushes, forced to pay whatever price the locals care to charge for food and water. Fares are paid in advance, but are no guarantee of a place in the boat. "If someone else comes along and offers more, the boat captain will take him instead," a local man said. "The last time, about 475 people showed up and a fight broke out."

It takes 75-100 people to haul the *yolos* to the river on rollers. While this is happening, the smugglers' hired hands patrol the area with guns and mobile phones, ready to give the alarm if the navy shows up — or more often, to fake an incident to scare off those migrants who are surplus to requirements.

Those who have made the trip say rapes are commonplace, usually perpetrated by the boat captain, his assistant or those who recruit the passengers. Occasionally a weaker, unprotected passenger — often a woman — will be thrown to the sharks that infest these choppy waters.

A boat captain can be sentenced to up to five years in jail in Puerto Rico for second smuggling offence, but jail terms in the Dominican Republic are unheard-of, and the big fish are never caught. "We know we've caused an increase in the ticket price," said Mr Lavire. But no one talks of halting the trade.

"They tell the border patrol they'll be back," said Mr Lavire. "A phrase you often hear is: 'You'll take longer to deport me than I will to return'."

English who then ruled Ireland: "Children of the Gael died here in their thousands, having fled the laws of foreign tyrants and an artificial famine. God bless them. God save Ireland."

Starting in 1845, a fungal blight destroyed Ireland's potato crop, wiping out the staple food of Irish peasants, who were obliged to hand over their more valuable grain crops to British landlords during the disaster that came to be called the Great Famine. The catastrophe claimed more than 1 million Irish lives and forced millions more to leave for North America.

# Clinton backs two years higher education for all

Martin Walker  
in Washington

**S**Eeking yet again the title of Education President, Bill Clinton yesterday went to the elite university of Princeton to tell some of America's most privileged new graduates of his goal to equip all Americans with at least two years of higher education.

This would be at community colleges, which are a cross between a sixth form college and a polytechnic. The two years Mr Clinton now promises would not be sufficient for a college degree, even though the whole thrust of his speech was that a degree was to the new global economy what the high school diploma had been to the industrial age.

In 1978, a person with a college degree earned about 40 per cent more on average than somebody with a high school diploma. Today, that person with a college degree is earning about 75 per cent more, and the gap is widening.

There could hardly have been a more glaring contrast between his Princeton audience, where the cost of tuition, room and board next year will be \$28,326 (£19,000), and the state-run community colleges, where tuition costs less than \$3,000 a year.

The president's speech barely addressed the main concern of the new Princeton graduates, which is their average debt of over \$50,000 under the college loan schemes.

Twenty years ago, grants financed 80 per cent of college fees, and loans took care of the rest. This year, loans account for 60 per cent of college cost for 60 per cent of education and four years of education at the expensive private colleges like Harvard, Yale and Princeton can lead to a total bill of \$100,000.

"A college education is an investment not just in the future of another American citizen, but an investment in America itself," Mr Clinton said. "We all know it makes sense."

Although sold as a big policy statement by the White House, Mr Clinton's speech represented a retreat from his campaign rhetoric of 1992, when he promised to so expand the college loans programme that every qualified American school-leaver would have a right to go to college and get a degree.

# News in brief

## Democratic test for Croatia

**T**HE Council of Europe has set Croatia five conditions for admission to the organisation.

A document to be sent to Zagreb today, calls for concrete steps "as rapidly as possible" on all five points before Croatia can be admitted.

## Israeli PM in security talks

**T**he winner and loser of Israel's election met yesterday for the first time since last week's vote, to discuss the security issues over which the campaign was fought.

## Israeli PM in security talks

The prime minister, Shimon Peres, and his successor, Benjamin Netanyahu, shook hands in the presence of reporters and vowed to cooperate on the transfer of power. — Reuters.

## Islands tension

**F**riktion between the South Pacific neighbours Papua New Guinea and the Solomons has flared after a Papua New Guinea patrol boat, in pursuit of suspected rebels, crossed into Solomons territory and fired on a Solomons village. — Reuters.

## 'Plotters' held

**B**ahrain arrested 44 people in connection with an alleged pro-Iranian plot to overthrow the government. — Reuters.

## Weighty studies

**T**hat students will soon have one of their burdens eased. The education ministry is imposing weight limits on the satchels they carry to and from school. — AP.

# New Angolan army to end UN peacekeeping

Victoria Brittain  
in Lusanda

**T**HE Angolan military leadership has started to form a unified national army to bring to an end the United Nations peacekeeping process.

The move comes as the political leadership tries to shape a new government following the dismissal of the prime minister, the government and the central bank governor by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

Fernando Francis van Dunem, the national assembly president appointed as prime minister to replace Marcelino Moco, has until the end of this week to pick a cabinet.

As the political crisis was erupting on Monday, the first 15 officers from Jonas Savimbi's UNITA guerrilla army were being incorporated into the Angolan Armed Forces (FAA) and the process of selecting 25,000 UNITA soldiers for the army was beginning under a two-month deadline set by the FAA chief of staff, General Joao de Matos.







Margaret Rawlings

Power and passion

MARGARET Rawlings, who has died aged 89, was a formidable tragedienne. Not up to the class of her heyday, but who any longer remembers that? As Lady Randolph in the Scottish tragedy Douglas, for an early Edinburgh Festival, she had us perched on the edge of our seats in the gallery and we hung on every word.

That was tragic acting in a classical vein, and that was nearly half a century ago. Not that the English have ever shown much appetite for tragedy. It is a wonder we get as much of it as we do, but we rarely get it better than with Margaret Rawlings.

The greater wonder is how a player learns to do it without a stronger tradition. Some never do, yet they have a go. That is how Rawlings first seized attention. She had the tragic instinct and the talent Eugene Lonitovich, the Russo-American star of Torch, who saw herself as a Shakespearean tragedy queen, had neither.

In her clear, reverberative and ringing tones, Rawlings answered: "It is well done, and fitting for a princess descended from so many royal kings." Suddenly it was obvious who should have played the Queen of Egypt. In fact Rawlings never did but, since every critic made it clear she should have, Rawlings's reputation as a tragedienne in the making was safe.

ONLY SHE perhaps had the theatrical authority to put a fellow tragedian in his place. Like Wolfitt's, her authority could lead us spectators to the dramatic heights, whatever wretches were going on behind the scenes.

Passion of one kind or another was very much her theme, and few others could convey it with such subtlety or force. Her Lady Macbeth, for example, in the heyday of Alec Clunes's Arts Theatre Club in 1954, was for collectors. Not on the first night to judge by the notices but a week or so later, as she warmed to her work in front of a fire in the castle, so did her performance.



Inimitable... Rawlings had the authority to put Wolfitt in his place

Letter

Peter Hardy MP writes: Sir Jack Layden (obituary May 30) and I were colleagues in south Yorkshire local government before 1970 and, I believe, we remained friends despite a 1977 rivalry when we were both shortlisted for the former Rother Valley Parliamentary Labour candidature.

Eric Wood

The past revealed

ALTHOUGH he never held an academic post, Eric Wood, who has died aged 83, was an archaeological polymath. Two works, the Collins Field Guide to Archaeology and Historical Britain (published only six months ago) - will be his lasting memorial.

He was a remarkable personality, sparkily and teasing under a deceptively stern exterior, startlingly well read and deeply loved by virtually everyone he knew. He was a deep and spiritual thinker (an elder of the Society of Friends and active nationally and locally in its councils) yet extremely modest and retiring.

Eric was educated at St Olave's School, Southwark, and took a degree in French and German at King's College London in 1936. A francophile, he was as happy with French literature as with English. He joined the Civil Service, working through the Inland Revenue, Aircraft Production (during the war) to Trade and Industry at his 1972 retirement.

Throughout his married life he found great support for all his outings, first with Marion (née Bowie) who had similar quiet depths to Eric's and shared his love of beautiful objects. After her death Eric married an equally spirited, amiable, and lively friend, the Yorkshire people and countryside and was

tion plays, to make the playgoer wish he had seen, say, her Helen in Thordike's famous Ecceba in Lewis Casson's West End staging of The Trojan Women (1937), or her Phèdre (1957 and 1963) - on other than their opening nights - or her Bianca Capello, the soulful courtesan taken in marriage by a mem-

ber of the Medici family in Clifford Bar's The Venetian (1931), or her Jocasta, in John Neville's Oedipus (1964) when she had settled into one of Thordike's famous roles.

The record is long, honorable and inimitable; and it ended theatrically - and beautifully - in the 1980s as the ancient Empress Eugénie, Napoleon III's wife, in Jason Lindsey's monodrama, though the actress went on broadcasting and reading poetry almost to the end.

Eric assisted on many excavations and directed several, perhaps most notably excavating two early glass furnaces in at least 40 sites that needed writing. Earlier he had published numerous diverse subjects. In the 1970s he was invited to set up the Collins Archaeologies series, with himself (then editor of British Archaeological Abstracts) as co-editor. Eric identified at least 40 titles that needed writing but, sadly, only six were published before a concatenation of circumstances brought the series to an end.

Eric had also found time to write poetry, no "slim volume" appeared but numerous poems were published in periodicals and elsewhere. A self-started medieval village formed the inspiration for one of these.

Eric was elected fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London in 1958 and member of the Institute of Field Archaeologists in 1984. He served on the council of the Prehistoric Society and held office in numerous other archaeological bodies.

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Eric had no wish to be seen as an intellectual giant; he did demonstrate that he could be achieved by honing one's talents to a keen edge on enthusiasm and hard work.

Léon-Etienne Duval

A calling of reconciliation

LÉON-ETIENNE DUVAL, who has died aged 92, campaigned most of his life for better relations between Christians and Muslims. As Archbishop of Algiers from 1954 until his retirement in 1988, he was one of the first French public figures to support Algeria's struggle for independence. However, recently he expressed despair at the future of his adopted country.



Duval... voice for Algeria

Shortly before his death he had learnt of the murder of seven French Trappist monks by Muslim terrorists opposed to the authoritarian regime. Friends said that anxiety over Duval's pessimism over the outcome of the civil war. Three years ago, when the fighting started, the archbishop wrote: "Behind the violence in 1961-62 there was the formidable hope of independence. Behind today's violence, there is no hope at all, nothing except a great emptiness."

Even at the height of the savagery that followed the French withdrawal from Algeria in 1962, when independence fighters massacred Algerians who had supported French rule, Duval had so much confidence in eventual peace and prosperity that he took Algerian nationality. Pro-French hard-liners nicknamed him Mohamed Duval.

His involvement with Algeria, which sought an 18-year independence war with France, began in 1946, when he became Bishop of Constantine, in north-east Algeria, soon after hundreds of rebellious Algerians were killed by French troops at Sétif. He promised to stay in the country for the rest of his life and work for reconciliation.

The Algerian archbishop's favourite writer was the Algerian-born Albert Camus, whose humanistic philosophy, as echoed in Duval's 1982 appeal to his countrymen: "There is no hope without mutual understanding, brotherly cooperation, reconciliation and the desire for peace."

Duval made a cardinal soon after taking Algerian national-

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Room war

Ways to Annoy Your Room-mate COLLECT hundreds of pens and pile them on one side of the room. Keep one pencil on the other side of the room. Laugh at the pencil.

Wear your shoes on the wrong feet. Constantly complain that your feet hurt all the time. Shadow-box several times a day. One day, walk in looking depressed. If your room-mate asks what's wrong, explain that your shadow can't box any more due to an injury. Ask your room-mate if you can box with his/her shadow.

Buy a plant. Sleep with it at night. Talk to it. After a few weeks start to argue with it loudly. Then yell, "I can't live in the same room with you!" storm out of the room and slam the door. Get rid of the plant but keep the pot. Refuse to discuss the plant ever again. Bowl inside the room. Set up tournaments with other people in the building. Award someone a trophy. If your room-mate wants to bowl too, explain that he/she needs bowling shoes.

Set up about 20 plants in an

organised formation. When your room-mate walks in, pretend to be in the middle of delivering a speech to them. "We'll continue this later", while eyeing your room-mate suspiciously. Eat a bag of marshmallows before you go to bed. The next day, spray three bottles of whipped cream all over your floor. Say you got sick in the night.

Brain bender PART VI: Modernism and the Age of Analysis: Conclusion. Kuhn's Paradigm Paradigm. Habermas's Critical Theory. Barthes, Semiotics and Revolt Against Structuralism. Social Justice and Social Democracy in Contemporary Times: A Theory of Justice by John Rawls, Alvin Gouldner's Dark Side of the Dialactic: Social Theory, Renaissance Sociology and Outlaw Marxism. Foucault: Power.

The shove A DIVISION within a Fortune 500 company issued a memo that encouraged employees to increase their global effectiveness by taking foreign language instruction during the work day. Six

months later all those who had availed themselves of the offer were fired. Management had apparently concluded that anyone who had time to take a course during business hours was obviously underemployed. John Koepke, now 56, didn't want to leave his wife, Pat, home alone that terrible day in 1991. Just hours earlier she had been diagnosed with malignant breast cancer. But she insisted he go to the offices of the Illinois graphics company for a board meeting. Koepke had served as the company's president for the previous eight years and his absence would be noticed. When he got to the office, the chairman pulled him aside. "How's Pat?" he boss asked. "Not too well," replied Koepke. "We don't have the details yet, except that the cancer's malignant."

Prayed he was having a bad dream. Later he found out that the company was renegotiating his contract several weeks ago. A supervisor called a meeting with his wives to say that someone was stealing from the restaurant. In order to establish the identity of the thief, he told the assembled women, he would begin firing them, one by one, in alphabetical order, until someone confessed. The company was found guilty of intentional infliction of emotional distress.

As part of a sales agreement, the original owners of a medical collection agency were instructed to winnow its staff by half. The 1,000 employees were assembled in the parking lot and the names of the 500 to be laid off were read aloud. The original owners then told the remaining employees they were lucky they still had jobs, but their medical insurance had been terminated. Taken from a management article in Fortune magazine entitled "How to fire people and still sleep at night." Thankfully, these were true examples of what not to do.

Fortune... the big push

Mercedes vs. BMW They're left in the driveway, fighting each other.

Birthdays

- Moira Anderson, singer, 66; Spencer Batsie, Conservative MP, 51; Prof R Angus Buchanan, historian of technology, 66; Beatrice de Cardi, archaeologist, 82; Ann Carnow QC, crown court recorder, 61; A R Dawson, rugby player, 64; Sir John Bellow, former deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 65; Margaret Drabble, novelist, 57; David East, former secretary, Welsh Rugby Union, 60; Chris Finnegan, boxer, 52; Ken Follett, thriller writer, 47; Elizabeth Glosier QC, judge of the Court of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey, 47; David Hare, playwright, 49; Rose Hill, actress, singer, 82; Prof Sybil Jack, historian of Tudor England, 61; Neil Milligan, trades unionist, 70; Phil Neale, cricket manager, 40; Roger Nield, angler, economist and strategist, 51; Nigel Rees, broadcaster, author, 53; Anna Reynolds, opera and concert singer, 60; Jeff Rooker, Labour MP, 55; Elizabeth Shaw, director and secretary, Charity Commission, 50; Richard Stone, portrait painter, 45; Dr Lancelot Lionel Ware, founder, Mensa, 81; Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, former deputy chief of the Defence Staff, 60.

Death Notices

- BAGOMI, Frances Williams F.R.S. Loving husband and companion of 47 years, and loving father of Margaret, Paul, Cathy and Roger, died peacefully at her home, 2nd June, 1996. Cremation service at West Herts Crematorium, Monday 10th June, 11.30am, no flowers please. Donations to the Herts. Antirrhin and Rheumatism Council at the undertakers, St Albans Civic Funeral Service, 100 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts. FUNERAL will be at the West Chapel, Golden Green Crematorium, 4pm, Thursday 6th June. HANSON, Roy, on 1st June, peacefully. Late Housemaster at Woodwards Hall (dearly loved and missed) and a member of St. Michael's Church Woodwards Hall. Funeral will be at 11.30am, followed by 12.30pm Flowers to Chapel of Rest, Caulwick Hill Road, Ipswich. Donations to Barnardos, c/o Ipswich Co-operative Food Store, 280 Bradwell Street, Ipswich, Suffolk. FUNERAL will be at the West Chapel, Golden Green Crematorium, 4pm, Thursday 6th June. MAYWOOD, Sydney, aged 85, of Inshore, 224 Lynton Road, Westbury, died peacefully on 2nd June 1996, after a long illness. Funeral will be at the North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple.

In Memoriam

SWIFT, Colin, died June 5th 1996. A man lives for as long as he carries his life in him. As long as we carry the harvest of his life, he lives in us. As long as we ourselves live, his memory lives on. A man lives, as long as his memory lives. Colin and Nancy.

formed as well as can be expected in this vacuum but identify confusion reigns. When it comes to invitations, is your next neighbour's name Mark or Mack? There is gender confusion, too. Are the lifeguards at the lake gossiping about Barney or Bonni? We are at risk of losing touch with the outside world. I ask that New Yorkers open your hearts, you who dwell in Rabundance. Could some foundation please collect some of your excess R's and ship them to us? We are holding out, but can only last so long. Thomas E. Lawless writes in the New York Times begging for assistance in dealing with the latest environmental disaster: the gradual extinction of R. Jackdaw wants jenns. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; or write to Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER. Emily Sheffield

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## Row over Railtrack gagging

### Fears of safety record cover-up

Keith Harper  
Transport Editor

**A** THREE month "gagging order" has been issued by the Government on public bodies forbidding them from making statements which could adversely affect the price of shares in Railtrack while it adjusts to being a private company.

critics as a way of stifling potentially damaging revelations about Railtrack's safety record. The "gagging order", which applies until August 1, three months after the date when Railtrack's prospectus was issued, affects all public organisations that have an interest in the industry. These include the Health and Safety Executive, the British Railways Board (BRB), the rail regulator and the franchising director.

The ban has been revealed in a letter from the Department of Transport to the BRB. The guidelines were confirmed yesterday by BRB which officially said that it was not "excited" by the ruling. Informal sources said that when the letter first arrived "we found it quite alarming."

She said if there were criticisms of Railtrack, particularly in matters of health and safety, which had to be addressed "then it is both irresponsible and dangerous for the Government to suppress them." She added: "The gagging order reveals as much as it hides, namely the Government's own lack of confidence in Railtrack as a company."

those made in the prospectus. But Stock Exchange rules apply only to listed companies, not to public bodies or to regulatory agencies responsible to government or to Parliament. The Stock Exchange said yesterday that the only restriction it could impose after a flotation was on "price sensitive information." But the Government's gagging order was regarded in the City last night as "weird" and "unnecessary."

applying to any statement that might depress the value of Railtrack's shares. The company must complete between now and August two improvement notices which have been forced on it by the Health and Safety Executive. The HSE has warned Railtrack that it may be running an unsafe railway and must put its house in order by the end of July. This position was referred to in general terms in Railtrack's prospectus, but the details were not spelt out. Vic Coleman, the Government's deputy inspector of railways, has told Railtrack: "There is no room for complacency. Railtrack must strengthen its systems and the way they are applied."

### Notebook

## Think-tank fails to fill vacuum



Edited by  
Mark Milner

**N**ATIONALISATION has become old-fashioned for years now — Labour's ditching of Clause Four last year was important only for its symbolism. And the counter-trend of the right, privatisation, has also lost its lustre during John Major's reign. Few Conservatives sound genuinely enthusiastic about flogging of the Post Office or nuclear power.

Enter, into this vacuum, the latest idea from think-tank Demos, unveiled today: stake-ownership. The starting point of the paper's author, Jeffrey Gates, is that capitalism has produced too few capitalists. So the state should help things along a bit, by promoting a wider share ownership. His first suggestion, tax breaks for companies in which the workers own some or all of the shares — Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) — is well rehearsed, and mostly unobjectionable. But Mr Gates then overreaches himself, advocating the establishment of Consumer Stock Ownership Plans (CSOPs), in which utilities occupying monopolistic positions — such as water and electricity firms — give shares to their customers, instead of price cuts. The paper even suggests VSOPs for BBC television viewers.

In a world of growing joblessness and insecurity, Mr Gates reckons such schemes will "prepare capitalism for people" and engineer a "new economic connectance". Perhaps. There are practical difficulties, however. The utilities could "ration" the number of shares available, which would mean a lot of people holding a few shares or a few people holding a lot. Guess which. On the other hand, if enough people held enough shares for the exercise to have meaning, then dividend payments would either be miserly to a degree even Scrooge would have jibbed at or the companies would face unsustainable cash outflows.

Popular capitalism has its attractions, no doubt, but is easier to preach than practice. Mrs Thatcher tried to sell it, albeit at a discount, without much success. Giving it away under the banner of stake-ownership (where the words come from?) is unlikely to prove much more effective.

**Sceptical Swiss**  
The Swiss, of course, are confirmed Euro-sceptics, having rejected the whole idea of signing up for European Union membership. Even so, it might be thought a trifle surprising to

**Early baths**  
VODAFONE has expanded overseas by sticking to the business it knows best — running mobile phone networks — and is about to start reaping the benefits. This contrasts strongly with many of the water companies which have ventured into businesses outside their core competence and had their fingers burned.

Timex Water shareholders, as they look at the cost of pulling out of Utag in Germany, are the latest to count the cost of ill-advised diversification. Would that they would be the last. It is worth remembering that the Government's vision at the time of privatisation was that the water companies would build up strong non-regulated businesses, which would generate dividends for shareholders. Big boardroom pay rises were justified on the grounds that the water companies had become big international businesses, with increased responsibilities for directors. Can it be those inflated salaries were taken before they were earned?

**TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS**

Australia 1.88	France 7.77	Italy 2.50	Singapore 2.190
Austria 18.20	Germany 2.625	Malta 0.575	South Africa 6.8
Belgium 47.29	Greece 365.50	Netherlands 2.5825	Spain 193.50
Canada 2.0780	Hong Kong 11.71	New Zealand 2.22	Sweden 10.22
Cyprus 0.1770	India 54.7	Norway 5.75	Switzerland 1.8
Denmark 8.95	Ireland 0.9475	Portugal 238.25	Turkey 116.077
Finland 7.2225	Israel 5.08	Saudi Arabia 5.79	USA 1.5175

Supplied by NatWest Bank (excluding Indian rupee and Israeli shekel).

## Cadbury sells stake in Coke bottling venture

Paul Murphy

**C**ADBURY-Schweppes' nine-year dalliance with the world's biggest soft drinks concern, Coca-Cola, came to an abrupt end yesterday as the two firms decided to sell their joint venture for around £1.2 billion.

Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages has five plants which bottle, can and distribute both Cadbury and Coca-Cola products, together with a long list of other drinks such as Ferriter, throughout the UK. It is being bought by an associate of the Coca-Cola Company, Coca-Cola Enterprises.

Cadbury-Schweppes is due to pick up £220 million initially for its 51 per cent stake in the venture. Further payments will relate to a new 15-year bottling and distribution deal for Cadbury products in Britain, which may take the total sale proceeds to around £700 million.

## NEC link forms big PC player

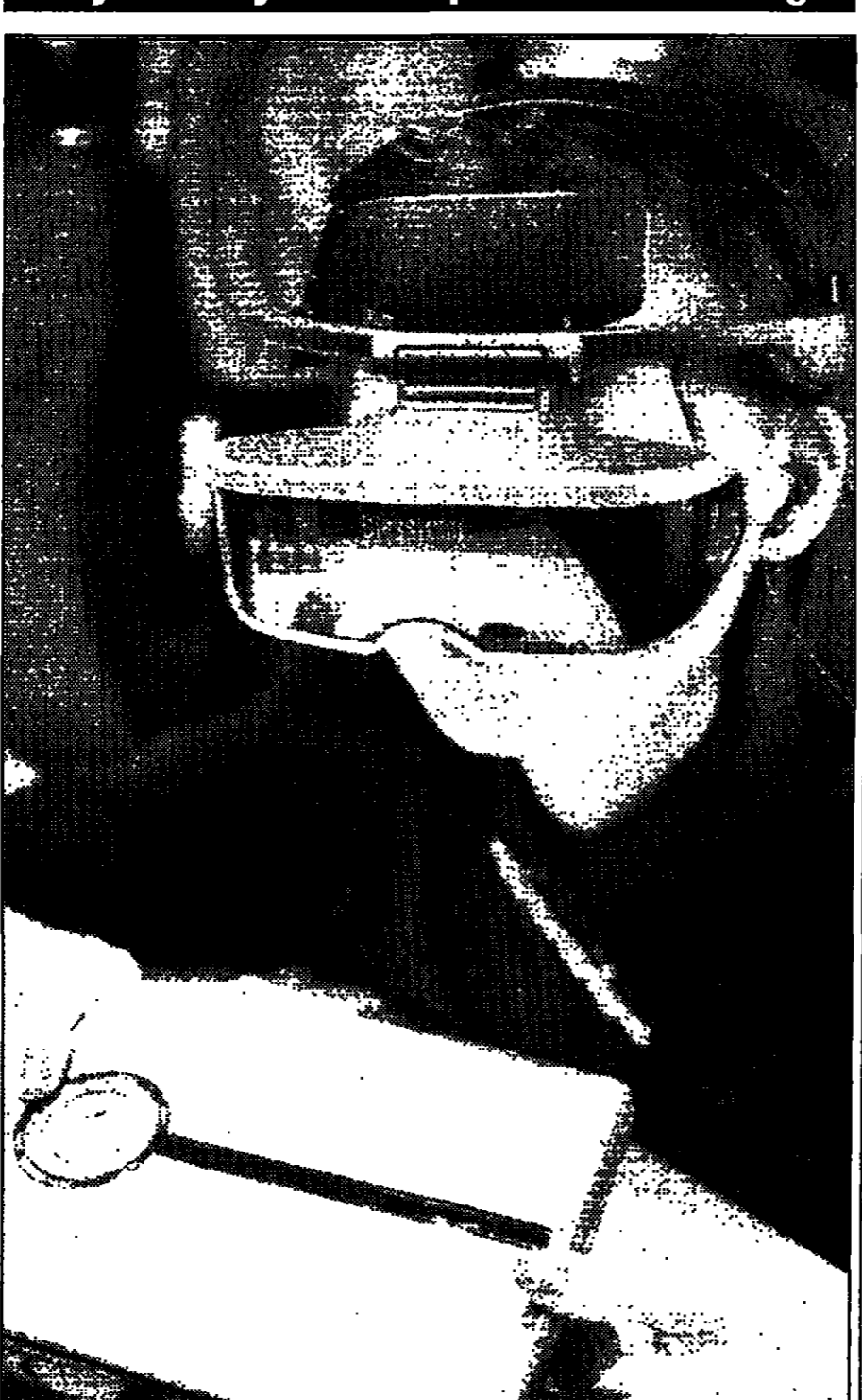
Mark Tran in New York

**C**OMPUTER group NEC is combining its PC operations outside Japan with Packard Bell of the US to form the world's fourth largest manufacturer.

Together, the two companies — to be known as Packard Bell-NEC — will be the top PC seller in the US, overtaking Compaq. The new operation, which begins on July 1, will have American sales of \$3 billion (about £2 billion) in the first year and control 15.1 per cent of the PC market there.

NEC's move cements a global alliance between NEC, Packard Bell and France's Groupe Bull, in which NEC holds a 17 per cent stake, designed to buttress the three companies in the global market at a time when cut-throat competition has slashed profit margins of PC makers.

## Sony offers your own private screening



THE company that gave the world the music Walkman is taking personalised entertainment into a new dimension with an individual movie screen mounted in a headset. Sony showroom attendant Emi Shirota (above) demonstrates the latest gadget to be launched by the electronics corporation in Japan later this month. Measuring 7.9 by 4.7 by 10.2ins, it weighs 11oz and will cost 88,000 yen (£513). It features a monitor and plays back images from a video cassette recorder or a video compact disc player. PHOTOGRAPH: TOSHIYUKI AIZAWA

## SFA puts trio without the City wall

### DAN ATKINSON considers criminals' expulsions for 'loss of integrity'

**T**HEY were three members of the banking and broking elite, responsible collectively for millions of pounds of funds. All had been cleared to work in the most sensitive areas of financial services and to handle that most precious of commodities — your money. Their earnings were way above those of ordinary citizens and they could look forward to distinguished careers.

There was just one problem. They were all crooked. On the surface, one was a banker, one was a trader and one was a broker. In reality, one was a thief, one was a forger and

the third was a failed armed robber. Yesterday, the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the body that polices all exchange-based broking and trading activity, stung them out of the City.

Not that this expulsion makes much difference to the prospects of the thief and the robber — both are serving jail terms. As for the forger, there may be some City employers who would wish to hire somebody who faked Lord Dunsany's signature and dishonestly promised access to the Queen's social circle, but not many.

All three have been expelled by SFA on the grounds of violating the agency's "principle three", which covers fitness for employment in banking and broking. "They have all ceased to comply with the criterion of integrity," said the SFA — without evident irony.

### The forger, the thief, the failed armed robber and their nemesis

**D**AVID Newton, a registered stockbroker, tried his hand at armed robbery in an attempt to clear large personal debts.

He walked into a newagent's in Ashford, Surrey, wearing a black crash helmet and scarf and carrying a replica revolver. Newton handed the shop manager's 15-year-old daughter a note warning her to stay silent and hand over the takings "or someone will get hurt". He fled empty-handed after her mother raised the alarm and was stopped by police shortly afterwards. Newton was sentenced last July to four years in prison.

**H**ENRY Douglas was security chief at the London branch of Denmark's Jyske Bank.

He was also the compliance officer, the man responsible for ensuring Jyske conformed with City rules. In this role, Douglas — supposedly frustrated by having had his warnings about tax controls ignored — stole about £35,000 between March 1991 and November 1994, misusing his knowledge of the bank's systems to introduce non-existent foreign-exchange deals into the books. Much of the money funded his children's education. Appearing at the Old Bailey in August last year, he was given 30 months in prison.

**S**TEFANOS Kollitakis, a registered trader, helped make £25,000 selling forged heraldic documents to Americans and Middle Easterners, dishonestly luring them with promises of membership of the Queen's "social list".

Kollitakis and his partner Mark Lewis forged the signature of former Master of the Rolls Lord Denning on more than 20 documents "entitling" the bearer to lordships of various manners. The two men travelled by Concorde and stayed at luxury hotels. They were convicted at Southwark Crown Court last May and received 160 hours' community service apiece.

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Supermarket pizzazz is set to shake banks. The high street may change forever. TERESA HUNTER and CLIFF JONES report

Bankers roll up their sleeves

THE "pile 'em high, sell 'em cheap" sales methods of the high street are about to transform the staid world of banking. It will lead ultimately to a new breed of value-for-money and customer-friendly current accounts, which will be conducted almost exclusively outside a bank branch.

Beauty parlours than traditional banking. But Tesco's foray into the staid world of high finance with the launch this week of a Clubcard Plus payment card should have bankers quaking in their shoes. In fact, the reverse is true.

Similarly, Direct Line revolutionised the motor insurance market after its launch in 1985 with its cut-price premiums. With other copycat direct insurers, it forced the complacent giants of the industry to cut premiums lower than they might ever have imagined.

Supermarkets and other retailers, whose own margins have been squeezed to the bone, have been enviously eyeing up the banks to 4 per cent margin on their current account business. Even mortgage lenders think banking can't be all bad - given their typical margins of 1.8 to 2 per cent on home loans.

Of the competitors, the traditional big four banks, NatWest, Lloyds, Barclays and Midland, would prefer to pass the family business on to the retailers. This at least offers the opportunity to make money charging them substantial fees for doing what banks do best - money transmission and treasury activities.

Customers will no longer leave their money sitting on deposit for derisory amounts. They will move banks for an extra 1 or 2 per cent. Simultaneously, banks have reviewed their own attitude to current accounts. They had long complained that current accounts are expensive to run, but that they were a valuable part of the business, enabling branches to cross-sell other services.

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Thirty years of change as technology transforms an industry

- 1966 First UK credit card. 1967 First cash dispenser opened. 1981 Saturday opening revived. Home banking developed. 1982 Direct Line launched selling telephone insurance. Became biggest motor insurer within five years. 1987 Debit cards introduced. 1987 Nationwide introduces first free building society current account paying interest on credit balances. 1988 Abbey National follows. 1988 Marks & Spencer introduces unit trust. 1989 Halifax launches its Maxim current account. 1989 First Direct, Midland's telephone bank account launched. 1989 Banks pay interest paid on current accounts. 1995 Virgin enters investment world with launch of Direct Pep. 1996 Virgin launches life insurance over the telephone. 1996 Tesco's launches Clubcard Plus payment card.



Point of sale... Actress Prunella Scales brandishes her Clubcard Plus at the checkout in ads by agency Lowe Howard-Spink to be screened later this month

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER GIRO CURRENT ACCOUNT £20 CHALLENGE

Open a Current Account now and you'll get £20 worth of Marks & Spencer gift vouchers. Includes details about the challenge and how to participate.

Johnston rolls in as Emap stops its regional press

OUTLOOK/Group's £205m deal ends nearly 50 years in newspapers. Tony May reports

EMAP yesterday followed the example of the Thomson group and got out of the local newspaper industry. The buyer, the Edinburgh-based Johnston Press, is paying £205 million to more than double its size in an industry that Emap and Thomson were keen to leave.

Robyn Millar said there had been "quite a lot of agonising" over the decision to sell the newspapers. But the group has spent £500 million over the past two years in magazines, business communications and radio which have provided faster growth.

division headquarters is expected to close. The executive board will receive an average of £30,000 a year more for running the enlarged company. Harry Roche, currently chairman of the Guardian Media Group, will receive a £11,000 rise to £30,000 on becoming the non-executive deputy chairman.

City crowd-pleaser must maintain maximum throttle. EMAP maintained its progress as one of the fastest growing media companies in Europe over the past year. Profit jumped 35 per cent to £86.5 million, boosted by contributions from recent acquisitions but with strong underlying growth as well.

Operating margins widened from 12.4 per cent to 13.6 per cent and the group looks for a further improvement this year as acquisitions are integrated and paper prices fall. The strongest performance came from Emap's radio business, where the operating profit leapt by 178 per cent as sales doubled. The result was boosted by the purchase of Metro Radio Group in the middle of the financial year.

Operating profit from the UK consumer magazines, the largest contributor to the group operating profit with titles ranging from the Complete Fat Unit guide to Motor Cycle News and Look, rose 21 per cent. The French consumer magazines increased their profit by 72 per cent. Chief executive Robin Millar knows the group will have to maintain the pace of acquisitions to keep abreast of City expectations and said the UK and France were priorities.

Results in brief

Thames Water lifts payout as profit dips

THAMES Water's profit rise last year has been more than wiped out by exceptional costs associated mainly with its decision to cut its ties with loss-making overseas ventures. But in a surprise move to increase shareholder value, the group is seeking powers to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares.

De La Rue shares slide

MORE than £125 million was wiped off the market value of De La Rue yesterday after the world's biggest non-government currency printer warned that its profit in the first half of the year was likely to slip because lower demand for banknotes had cut into its margins.

National Grid defends record

DIRECTORS at the National Grid issued a strong defence yesterday of the company's record in maintaining power supplies last winter despite coming close to ordering black-outs on several occasions. Announcing a 9 per cent hike in operating profits from group chief executive David Jones said the group had struck a right balance between guaranteeing power to households and the costs of keeping power stations in reserve.

Vodafone beats forecasts

VODAFONE, Britain's largest mobile phone operator, yesterday forecast that its overseas business would move into profit for the first time this year. Finance director Ken Hydon said that the group's international operations, spread over 14 countries, were expected to show a profit for the current year and account for about a third of group revenue by the end of the decade.

The Lloyd's half-a-million men



News that some underwriters pocketed big bonuses last year comes at a bad time, with the market finalising compensation for Names, who have sued over enormous losses. Pauline Springett continues our series as the outcry on top pay rages on

SEVERAL top underwriters at Lloyd's of London are understood to have received remuneration packages last year in excess of £500,000, dwarfing the pay levels of the previous year which saw seven earning over £200,000.

Names. The market is in the last stages of finalising the £3.1 billion-plus compensation deal for them, thousands of whom have been suing over enormous losses. Names' action groups have been highly critical of underwriters' salaries, arguing that many of the people responsible for the Lloyd's debacle have received unjustly high remuneration.

Cheung highest paid at C&W. LINUS Cheung, chief executive of Hongkong Telecom, has emerged as the highest paid director of Cable & Wireless, its majority owner, writes Nick Bannister.

Garages die out as hypermarkets continue to fill up

Petroleum that in 1965 there were 38,000 filling stations - 87 per cent of them independent of the big petrol companies and 10 per cent boasting just one pump.

THE traditional British petrol station faces extinction, crushed by intense competition and disappearing profit margins. As hypermarkets expand their fuel operations, thousands of independent garages - especially those in urban or edge-of-town areas - will shut.

Garages die out as hypermarkets continue to fill up. The retailers' margin on petrol was a healthy 34.05p a gallon in today's values, and demand was growing by 7.5 per cent a year. Today all that had changed. The Petroleum Retailers' Association said the total number of stations was 16,244, more than 40 per cent of them owned by oil companies. The margin on a gallon of petrol had divided to between 9p and 10p.

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Racing

# Dushyantor fits pedigree pattern

### Chris Hawkins narrows down the Derby field with a proven breeding formula

MORE often than not the winner of the Epsom Derby matches a breeding formula which demands that a colt's sire and maternal grandsire must have shown winning form at a mile and a quarter or more.

The emphasis at Epsom, which is the stiffest mile and a half track anywhere in the country, is on staying ability and it is little use having stamina on one side of a pedigree and not on the other.

This year in a field expected to number over 20 there are five contenders: Dushyantor, Double Leaf, Even Top, St Mawes and Shantou.

Dushyantor is an exemplary Derby candidate, being by the Eclipse winner Shantou, who was a mare Slightly Dangerous, who was runner-up in the Oaks, by the Derby winner Roberto. This makes him a half-brother to the 1993 Derby winner Commander In Chief.

A mile and a half is probably Dushyantor's minimum trip and he should improve on anything he has achieved so far over inadequate distances.

In the Dante Stakes over 10 furlongs last time he was second to Glory Of Dancer, beaten half a length, but the extra two furlongs at Epsom will be all in his favour.

Glory Of Dancer seemed to win the Dante a shade comfortably in a very slowly run

race. As his sire Shereef Dancer won the Irish Derby he must have prospects of staying but he is let down by his maternal grandsire, the sprinter Formidable.

Double Leaf, fifth in the Dante, is apparently a lesser fancied stable companion of the favourite Dr Massini, but he has the stouter pedigree being by Sadler's Wells out of a Green Leaf mare (a daughter of Oh So Sharp) but he will be staying on when plenty have cried enough at Epsom.

Shantou has little to recommend him on form but, being by Alleged out of a Shereef Dancer mare (a daughter of Oh So Sharp) he at least has the breeding credentials.

What of the better fancied Storm Trooper, Alhaarth, Shaamit and Mystic Knight? Storm Trooper works much better at home than his stable companion Dushyantor but he was behind that colt in the Dante and with Diessis as his sire is not certain to stay.

Alhaarth, the top two-year-old, has been a big disappointment so far. As he is by Unfuwain he has the makings of a stayer but his maternal grandsire Irish River was a miler and lets the side down as regards the formula.

The same goes for Shaamit, who is by the King George winner Mto but out of a Habitat mare, and Mystic Knight whose dam is by the miler Nureyev.

Of the qualifiers, Even Top has the best pedigree and Dushyantor the best breeding. Even Top cantered yesterday and was reported 'absolutely fine' after the injury scare which threatened his participation in the Derby.



Old master... Lester Piggott, nine times Derby winner, returned to Epsom yesterday to open the Piggott Gates. Situated in front of the Queen's stand, the gates carry reproductions of paintings depicting Piggott's Epsom triumphs

Rugby Union

# Return to Sydney reminds Wales of their darkest hour

LEUAN EVANS remembers the game all too clearly. Five years ago, Wales's right-wing groped at thin air in Sydney's Concord Oval as David Campese roared at him in a 19-13 victory. It was Wales's 71-8 victory over the hapless tourists.

The record defeat was Wales's nadir. Never before or since in their 115-year history have they conceded so many points or conceded 15 tries. The Llanelli wing, who since that dark day has gained and lost the captaincy of the national side, is the only Welsh survivor for today's game against the state team in the Sydney Football Stadium.

The omens are not good for Wales five years on. Three days before they face Campese and the Wallabies in Brisbane in the first of two Tests, they are still smarting from last week's 69-30 defeat at the hands of Australia's Capital Territory, a much improved but traditionally weaker state than New South Wales.

Terry Cobner, the new manager, said: "We saw the Super 12 from afar but that did not prepare us for the pace and physical aspect of rugby in the southern hemisphere. It is quite frankly a different ball game."

Wales field four uncapped players, the full-back Crispin Cormack, the wing Dafydd James, the

## Warwick with guide to latest form

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## Yarmouth runners and riders

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EURO 96

Venables embarks on flight of fancy

David Lacey is bemused by the latest scene from Upstairs Downstairs

ENGLAND'S preparations for the opening game of the 1996 European Championship...

The ingenious theme of the England coach's riposte was that no newspaper had rung him up on Saturday...



Media mayhem... the massed ranks of the press corps await the arrival of England's defensive line-up at Bisham Abbey

making the point about why I haven't said anything over the last few days, that's all."

seeing some of you guys [the press] behaving badly too."

business in Bogota before the 1970 World Cup. And when Bobby Robson heard, before England played Holland in Cagliari in 1990...

Police shocked by ticket plans

TICKETS for Euro 96 games at some venues will be on sale on the day of matches...

International Holland 3, Rep of Ire 1

Dutch turn up heat as injured De Boer is left out in the cold

HOLLAND, among the favourites for Euro 96, lifted their morale with a 3-1 victory over the Republic of Ireland at Rotterdam's Feyenoord Stadium last night...

Defiant Danes ready for more DIY

Michael Walker

BY HIS own admission Richard Moller Nielsen has one of the most famous kitchens in Europe. It is not something he boasts about, it is just a fact.

that they play all three group games in Sheffield. The younger Laudrup selects Croatia as favourites to win Group D...

Horne set for Birmingham

other veteran, Steve Bruce, to St Andrews. After succeeding Barry Fry as manager last month, Francis persuaded Manchester United's captain to leave Old Trafford on a free transfer.

France opens hostilities with a broadside at England

IN A Gallic outburst owing more to a Rowan Atkinson sketch on Not The Nine O'Clock News than any grounding in reality, the French coach, Jacques Santini, has accused England of trying to stage-manage victory in the European Championship.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 7 Colorado 2, Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 6, Atlanta 5, New York 4, Chicago 4, Philadelphia 3, San Diego 3, St Louis 2, Milwaukee 2, Toronto 2, Minnesota 2, California 2, Oakland 2, Texas 1.

Basketball

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL: Wales/England 82, Slovakia 90.

Results

Soccer FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS: Holland 11-1, Rep of Ireland 11-1, Bulgaria 2-7, Scotland 17, Brazil 13-0, Germany 9, Liechtenstein 1.

Golf

BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: 1st, J. Paragang (Malawi) 72, 66, 140 M; 2nd, J. Paragang (Malawi) 73, 72, 145 M; 3rd, J. Paragang (Malawi) 75, 67, 143 M.

Tennis

FRENCH OPEN (Paris): Quarter-finals: Novak Djokovic (Serbia) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; P. Schuster (USA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; J. Courier (USA) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; D. Bouchier (France) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Fixtures

Rugby Union TOUR MATCH: New South Wales v Wales (11.00am, North Sydney), Walsley v South (10.00am, Hamilton).

Cricket Hussain glee at three

David Hopps on the Essex man with an England brief

FOR A man who had just been told he was batting at No. 3, Nasser Hussain looked remarkably self-composed. If you must offer a poisoned chalice, opt for a man with a raging thirst. Hussain has been desperate to get back in the England side.

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Tennis

Stephen Bierley sees the hopes of the women's joint No. 1 seed reduced to ashes on Paris's red-hot clay

Seles scorched in the sun

A HUGE spiral of thick black smoke rose up from the Bois de Boulogne into the blue Parisian skies yesterday afternoon...

for subtlety, this was a duel of words, a series of huge crashing blows that seemed to shake the very fabric of the concrete court...

with a fierce, incandescent intensity, is the knowledge that his former coach Tim Gullikson, who died recently of brain cancer...

ard Krajicek of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2. Sampras has two days to recover from yesterday's 3½-hour epic...

sure, most notably in the 1988 Wimbledon final against Graf when nerves garroled her at 4-1 up in the final set.



Seles... brittle form

not by much, but misses they were, which Seles admitted was 'tough mentally'.

Bates brings a touch of joy

Paul Weaver on the grass-court season curtain-raiser, the Beckenham Open

THESE are dark days for national pride, days of gelatine, tallow and bull semen, disgraced Government ministers and Cautley Pacific engineers...



Complement of the season... tennis, sunshine, grass and Beckenham, the gentle and genteel start to the ideal British summer

was in 1888. The Field Annual of 1887 reported: 'The turf was in capital condition, for which the ground man, Tate, deserves every praise.'

the title in 1953. They were followed by such names as Court and Cawley before the more modern heroines, Pam, Billie-Jean and Martina.

of the names of the recent winners, Richardson and Korda of the men and Guse and Callens of the women, do not have such lustre.

with the second week of the French Open so that many of the best players are no longer available.

watched by the new British No. 1, the 21-year-old Tim Henman who won the junior title here four years ago...

Rugby League

Sleightholme on Eagles' wanted list

Paul Fitzpatrick

JON SLEIGHTHOLME, the Bath wing who established a place in the full England side last season, may become the first high-profile rugby union player to sign a summer contract with a rugby league club...

their players to double up and play rugby league. After the five-code challenges Jack Robinson, Wigan's chairman, spoke of a possible player-exchange scheme...

He was, however, mightily impressed with Sleightholme's performance against Wigan in the cross-code challenge games last month.

If Sleightholme does sign, rugby union would have to consider what implications that might hold for the national side.

Wales to beat weary France

Paul Fitzpatrick favours a weakened but fresh team in Carcassonne tonight

WALES go into tonight's opening European Championship game against France in Carcassonne feeling significantly below strength.

they go on to Gwenthead for the match against England next week. Credible international results mean everything to France, where television give the sport little consideration...

Basketball

Jordan out to make flakes crumble in final showdown

Ian Katz in Chicago

THEY are calling it 'the four-gone conclusion'. The only question: will Michael Jordan and his supporting cast humiliate the Seattle SuperSonics with a four-game sweep in the best-of-seven NBA championship series...

alternately compared to the Beatles and the greatest basketball sides in history? More to the point, what other ending would do for the fairy-tale comeback of Jordan, the sport's super-hero?

Sport in brief

Cycling

Gremeas Obree, the world pursuit champion and 4,000m world record holder, and Yvonne McGregor, the world hour record holder, will represent Great Britain in the men's and women's pursuit at the Olympic Games.

Equestrianism

Tina Gifford has withdrawn from the General Jock from Great Britain's three-day event Olympic team short-list because he has not recovered from a foot injury.

Motorcycling

Joy Dunlop won his 20th Isle of Man TT race when the 44-year-old Ballymoney publican powered his 250cc Honda to a hat-trick of victories in the four-lap lightweight race.

Hockey

Jason Laslett, the Great Britain Olympic team captain, returning after a month-long injury, scored twice to help Britain to a 5-2 victory over Canada, the Olympic reserves, in a training international at Bishop, writes Pat Rowley.

Boxing

A world heavyweight title fight between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson has been all but agreed, according to the US newspaper the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Athletics

Odd couple best of enemies

Duncan Mackay on tonight's showdown between Christie and Fredericks in Rome

THEY are the odd couple of athletics. Linford Christie is an aggressive, occasionally boorish character whose life seems entirely centred on the few seconds it takes him to run 100 metres, whereas Frankie Fredericks is soft-spoken with an easy-going manner and horizons beyond the track.

Paris on Monday. 'Then he came back and he beat me to break the world indoor 200m record in Lievin. This year I have spent two months with him and now it is me who has the record'.

Warrington welcome Hulme

WARRINGTON have won the battle for the signature of Paul Hulme, the former Great Britain forward, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.

Rugby Football League tribunal, claiming that Widnes had fallen behind with contract payments. The claim was upheld.

Motor Sport

McRae proves Greece-proof

COLIN MCRAE sealed victory in the Acropolis Rally yesterday by beating Finland's Tommi Makinen by 50 seconds.

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Olympic pass for student Modahl

DIANE MODAHL began a week of European media studies exams in Manchester yesterday, happy that her place in Atlanta no longer depends on the stopwatch at the British Olympic trials on Friday week.

She had had so much to contend with, said her husband and coach Vicente. 'To come through it like this is tremendous.'

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ENGLAND AIRCRAFT ROW TAKES NEW FLIGHT PATH

Liverpool pair break ranks

McManaman and Fowler deny any involvement

Martin Thorpe and Ian Ross

THE Cathay Pacific saga descended further into the absurd yesterday when two players bailed out of England's vow of "collective responsibility", and the coach Terry Venables accused the airline of "getting it wrong" over the in-flight damage.

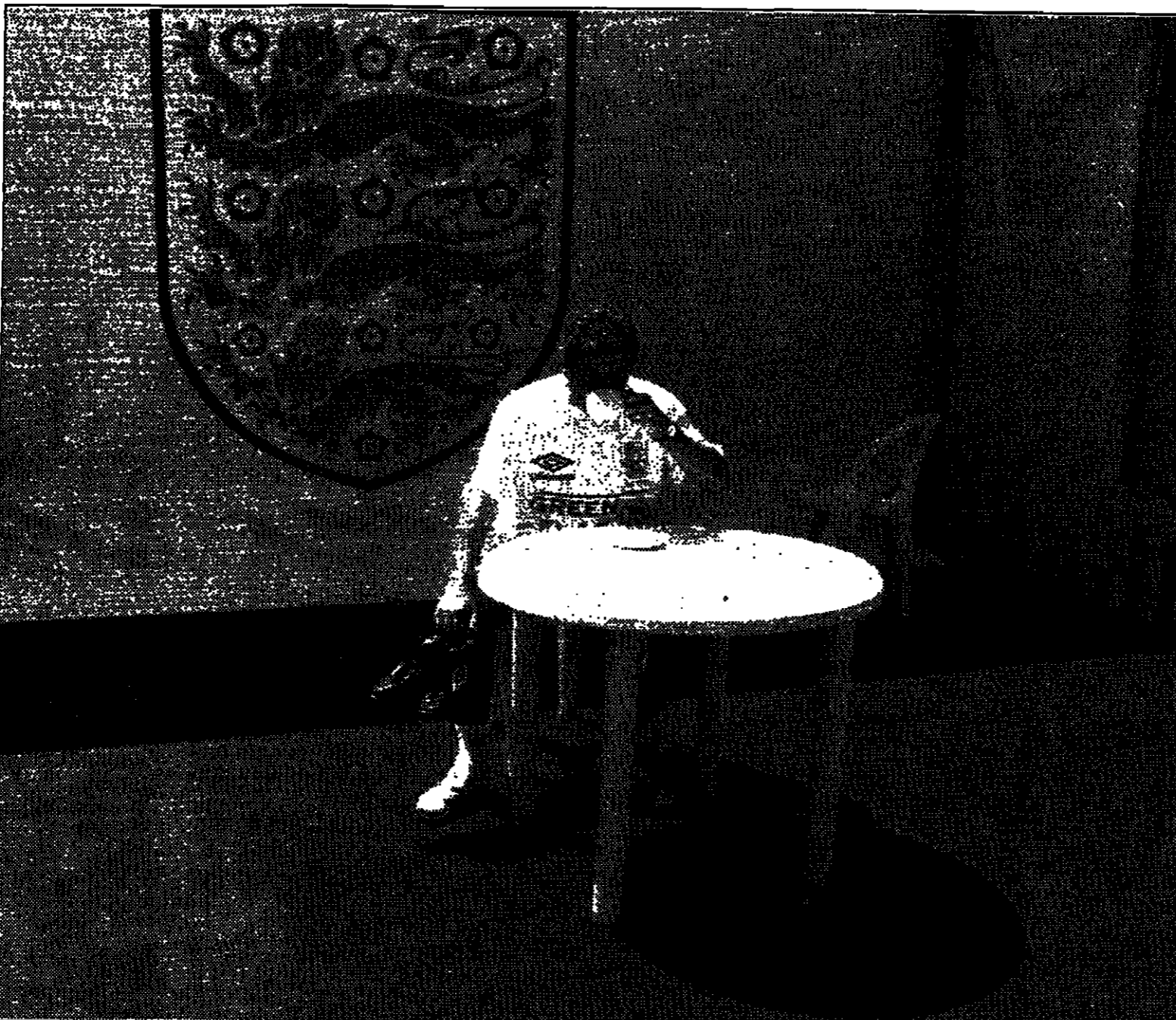
Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman broke ranks from the rest of the England squad by issuing statements through their solicitors denying any involvement. The disclaimers came only hours after the Football Association's announcement that the whole squad had agreed to take the blame.

The Liverpool players had been accused of involvement by a Sunday newspaper. Fowler's solicitor issued a statement yesterday saying: "Mr Robbie Fowler emphatically denies reports that he was responsible for any damage caused to the Pacific aircraft. He has started legal proceedings against those responsible for publication of these false accusations."

An almost identical statement from McManaman was faxed to national newspapers on Monday night. The England captain David Platt seemed oblivious to these moves at the training ground yesterday as he explained how the idea of a united front was reached.

"We had a discussion with the manager, we had a discussion as players as well. The idea of taking collective responsibility was collective. Everybody was in on the meeting and that was what was decided." To further fuel the row, Venables cast doubt on Cathay Pacific's version of events, saying he had seen no evidence of any damage. "You believe them but you don't believe us," he told a midday press conference.

"So they got it wrong?" he was asked. "I think so," he replied, then challenged journalists: "Have you got any proof from Cathay? Have you got any photographs? Let me see them. If you've got any proof I might say yeah, you're



Lone voice... Terry Venables at the team's Buckinghamshire hotel yesterday, where he questioned Cathay Pacific's version of events

right and I'm wrong. But I haven't got any proof otherwise."

In fact photographs do exist of the damage. Police joined Cathay engineers in inspecting the television screens and table on board the jumbo immediately after it landed a week last Tuesday and took photographs. The police, who are not pursuing the case because as an overseas carrier the plane was outside their jurisdiction, said yesterday

they had no objection to the FA seeing the prints. "As wholly routine, we did take photographs of the alleged damage," said a police spokesman. "If the FA put in a request to see them we would consider it."

A Cathay Pacific spokesman explained how the damage had been assessed. "We got engineers on board and the Metropolitan Police and it was believed by both that it was wilful damage." Basically

the screens have been broken in a way that they each have a kaleidoscope crack on them, identical damage to both. They were positioned on seats in front of each other.

He said that the 28-seat "bubble" of the jumbo where the incident took place was totally given over to the players and so Cathay sought compensation from the FA. The airline first phoned the FA at about 3.15 on the Tuesday. "Basically we phoned the

FA, then sent them a fax at 4.24 detailing the damage and the cost. In between times, two national papers had been offered the story for sale by two cleaners on the plane. There was definitely a leak from someone," confirmed the spokesman.

He expressed surprise at Venables's allegations. "Our lawyer has been dealing with the in-house solicitor at the FA since last Wednesday. Our solicitors have interviewed

the cabin crew on the flight and we are satisfied that it wasn't accidental damage, and as we understood it as of yesterday the FA were satisfied in that respect too because they've agreed on a full and final settlement."

As for the pictures of England players in torn shirts in a Hong Kong night-club, Venables defended the squad's rowdy behaviour. "I said they could have a night out and they had a few drinks. They had to be in at a certain time. The pictures didn't look attractive but they didn't affect anybody's privacy."

David Lacey, page 14

Spreading message for middle age



Vincent Hanna

MIDDLE age is the time in our lives when we can do as much as ever but would rather not. In sport, it is easy to fool oneself: just a few more handgrips and a dollop of embrocation and I'll be as right as rain.

We mourn great players who lose the spark but struggle on to be mocked by young players with a quarter of their talent. Some, like George Best or Muhammad Ali, are seared on our memory, as on a Grecian urn. We miss their best times. But they are the exceptions. In sport, too few grow old gracefully.

"First your legs go," said Willie Pep, the great featherweight boxer, "then you lose your reflexes. Then your friends go."

This week we all got one back. It has been a triumph for the middle-aged, for four great champions who are old enough to know better but who did it anyway.

Middle age is a variable term. Some sports tolerate it better than others: fast bowlers age quicker than batsmen; Ray Reardon won the world snooker championship at 45. Swimmers can be middle-aged at 25 — and some girl gymnasts at puberty.

So what about Tom Watson then? At 46, he has just won the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio. This was his 33rd USPGA Tour victory but his first since 1987. Tom dominated the game between 1977 and 1982 and won eight majors. But he developed "the yips" and began to miss short punts.

Sufferers from this ghastly disease have terrible nightmares as they stand shaking over the ball; Patrick Campbell once had the fantasy that his putter was turning into a snake which then tried to double back and bite him.

On Sunday, Watson boled out from 15 feet on the 18th for a birdie and said: "I can't wait for the US Open next week."

Neither can I.

In tennis, age comes more quickly. Jimmy Connors described his onset: "It's not worth it any more. My knees get too sore, my back stiffens up and I can't bend." Stefan Edberg forgot all that on Saturday when the

30-year-old danced around Michael Chang in four sets. Roland Garros is my favourite tennis tournament. Clay does not permit flashy winners that are less than perfect. Most balls can be run down, and the bounce is rarely bad.

To win in Paris you need a full range of shots, complete fitness, and rat-like cunning. Power helps but does not compensate for any of these. Stefan's farewell reminded us of the qualities that brought him six Grand Slams, not to mention his unfailing courtesy and good sportsmanship. The match was a joy to watch.

But we were reminded that tennis is a game for younger legs and so that mighty effort against Chang spent his resources; he bowed out on Monday to Marc Rosset.

Talking of young legs, is anyone prepared to bet against Linford Christie for the Olympic 100 metres? In Madrid at the weekend he scampared home in 10.04sec, his seventh European Cup title at that distance. Then he won the 200 metres as well.

"New guys have been telling me I was too old. But I've been getting faster as the years go by. Age is just in the mind." And he said that four years ago, when he was at least 32. Frankie Fredericks won the 100m in the Grand Prix meeting in Paris on Monday in 9.56, the world's fastest time this season, but proclaimed Linford as the favourite for Atlanta. "You don't normally give away an Olympic title, even if you have to run on one leg."

SAVE the best to last. Michael Jordan is the supreme basketball player, some would argue the greatest athlete ever.

If you have not seen him play for the Chicago Bulls, glue yourself to Channel 4's live coverage of the Championship series against Seattle Sonics, starting at 2am tomorrow.

Jordan is a miracle, with the ability to bang in the air, change his mind twice, then score from an impossible angle before descending. Truly a man can fly. In the final play-off against Orlando Magic, he made 45 points out of 106.

At 33, Michael certainly doesn't need the money — he'll earn \$45 million this year — but he wants another NBA championship, and no one has yet figured out a way to stop him.

Maybe these great champions know something that the rest of us do not. Or maybe it's because they fear it because they do not stop competing because they are old, rather it is because they know they will grow old when they stop.

Basket case: player attacks his manager with trophy

Jack Massarik



GAZZA and Co are not its bad boys too. And whereas Terry Venables's headaches did not begin until his boys boarded the plane, Harry Wrbleski's began right in his office.

"He threatened me with the Budweiser Championship play-off trophy," said Wrbleski, the Birmingham Bullets' manager, recalling a recent interview with Trevor Gordon (right), a Bullet (or possibly loose cannon) who stands 6ft 9in and weighs 19 stone. "It was pretty horrific."

English players often coach at American summer camps during the off-season and their clubs sometimes pay for the outward flight. Gordon, a 32-year-old England and Great Britain centre who has won every domestic honour with Bracknell, Derby, Kingston, Manchester or Birmingham, insisted on a return ticket too.

"When he couldn't get it he blew up," said Wrbleski. "He came at me with a chair. He swung. I ducked and he missed. He pushed me around, tried to intimidate me, swore at me and said he was going to slit my throat."

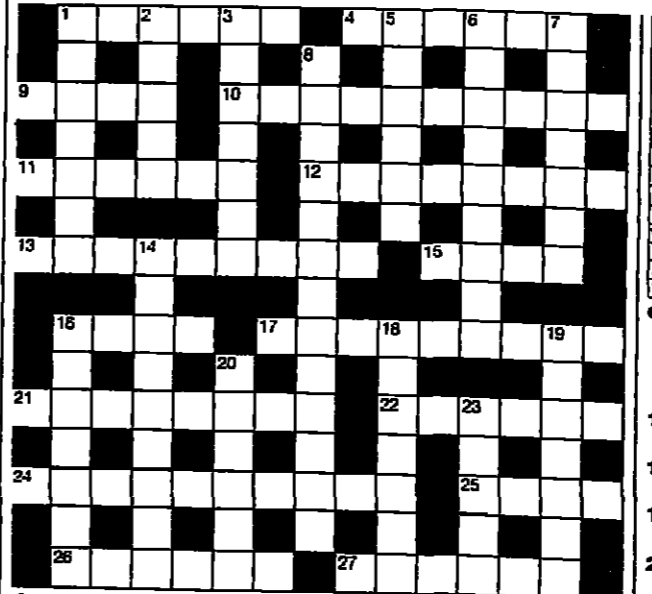
It was then that Gordon, noted as a "volatile personality" who had manhandled at least two previous managers, reached for the silverware. The Budweiser trophy, which incorporates a 2ft-high crystal ball, is the only one the Bullets have ever won, so Wrbleski was doubly aggrieved when Gordon set it down hard enough to shatter the glass base.

"I think it was deliberate," he said. "He won't be playing for me again."

Gordon was unavailable for comment last night. He is believed to be in the United States and negotiating to play in Belgium next season.

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Across

- 1 Have a look at the man you can't stand (6)
- 4 Mocked for being unkempt (6)
- 9, 27, 21, 12 Spur to 13 desiring the skill and nerve now needed by woman of the circus (5, 5, 3, 4, 4)
- 10 Glare or shine fitfully in rough grass (10)
- 11 It's hotter than it sounds (6)
- 12 See 9
- 13 Expert on problems that move (9)
- 15 Send out from the Mitre (4)
- 16 Is it played on the water table? (4)
- 17 Glissando sound of crafty Dickensian Delf (9)
- 21 See 9
- 22 Piano hire after 15's backed by 6 (6)

Down

- 1 Hide article held by King (7)
- 2 Do away with most of the Ring? (5)
- 3 See 14
- 5 Hermit driven in Texas? (6)
- 6, 8 Mild people quietly allude to 12s, according to Anita Loos (9, 6, 7)
- 7 N signalled bribery to Dorothy (4, 3)
- 8 See 6
- 14, 3 Chairman almost drunk on spirits: 23 was his 12 (8, 7)

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17 CLANG  
21 PUNY  
22 PIANO  
DOWN  
1 GAZZ  
2 RING  
3 RARE  
5 HERM  
6 RARE  
7 RARE  
8 RARE  
14 RARE  
23 RARE

16 Entertainer, one to go astray when dope's around (7)

18 Take the plunge with credit, say, maybe from Wilton (7)

19 Use too badly and fare badly (4, 3)

20 Influenced by the sound of 1 clown (6)

23 The Queen's part is to do little audibly (5)

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